

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

**Govt House**  
GOVERNMENT speakers yesterday wound up the budget debate with aplomb, enjoying the happy position of being able to assure the Unofficials that a number of matters they raised a week ago were already receiving official attention, and that careful consideration would be given to other suggestions. Thus the placid atmosphere of the budget debate was maintained to the end.

It was left to His Excellency the Governor to raise the most thought-provoking subject, referring to the need for a new Government House, probably to be situated at Magazine Gap, he expressed the view that the existing site would be ideal for a hotel.

There seems to be general agreement that the present Government House is inadequate for today's needs and that before long a new gubernatorial residence must be built. Many, however, will regret that it is the official view that a new Government House must be situated elsewhere than the splendid central position it now enjoys. Most will agree that Government House is in the "right place" in that it is visible from Kowloon and from many parts of the harbour, and can be pointed out to visitors as one of the island's landmarks immediately they arrive. This advantage will be lost when Government House is moved to relative obscurity at Magazine Gap.

CONCEIVING, however, that from practical points of view it is desirable that Government House should be moved from the central district, the next question to exercise the mind is the fate of the existing site. The Governor is of the opinion that it would be a perfect place for a hotel, and no one will disagree with him. It would also be ideal for many other types of commercial buildings, not to mention blocks of modern flats, or quarters for Government servants.

But why should it be considered necessary to capitalise on the Government House site and surrender it to commercial or other private interests? The policy of selling sites now occupied by out-dated Government offices and using the revenue to construct new and adequate buildings has much to commend. But we do not consider Government House should be similarly treated. The Colony can afford to build a new Government House out of its substantial reserves, and then develop the Upper Albert Road site for the benefit of the general public. The community has much stronger claims to the property than vested interests.

The gardens are already there to help make an attractive public park. And why not incorporate some of the features of English municipal gardens: provision of a tea house, an open air swimming pool, a miniature golf course and putting green? From these amenities would be derived revenue sufficient to pay for the upkeep of the place. Let Government, for once, resist the temptations of commercialism.

## Colony Cartoonist Scores

A talented young man from Hongkong is catching the public eye "down under" with some unusual cartoons—and Saturday's China Mail publishes examples of his work.

This is only one of the highlights of the feature-packed week-end Mail.

Inside, Leonard Mosley, our book reviewer writes on Field Marshal Sir William Slim's book on Burma and his startling comment on Wingate of the Chindits.

Watch out also for these highlights:

★ Dai Rees, Ryder Cup captain, talks to George Whiting.

★ Into the twilight world: Robert Pitman continues his report.

★ T. E. B. Clarke, famous British film script writer gives his honest opinion of Hollywood.

There are all your favourite regular features as well. Jane Roberts writes on the latest films showing in Hongkong over Easter. There are cartoons, comic strips, three pages of pictures, and special sections for everyone in the family—all in the China Mail.

## 'OPEN SKIES': RUSSIA'S VIEW

## Qualified Acceptance Of Eisenhower Plan

QUIET REACTION  
BY THE WEST

London, Mar. 28.  
Russia may accept President Eisenhower's "open skies" idea as a part of an overall disarmament plan—but the hint it gave today that it might did not excite the West.

It has included in its new disarmament plan a provision for the possible acceptance of the President's idea.

This was revealed by authoritative sources today.

This is the first time that the Soviet Union has acknowledged the President's aerial inspection project in a formal document, the source added.

Western delegates to the five-nation Disarmament talks today closely questioned Mr. Andrei Gromyko, Soviet deputy Foreign Minister, about the new plan he tabled yesterday. Members of the United Nations Disarmament Sub-Committee now in its second week of private negotiations are: Britain, France, United States, Canada and Russia.

## Still Hopeful

American sources said the Soviet provision for the President's idea—first put at last year's Geneva "summit" conference—contained many reservations. But they were still optimistic about the prospects of the talks.

Some observers tonight did not attach particular significance to the inclusion of the "open skies" project in the Soviet plan. They said that Russian diplomats had always been extremely cool to the proposal, but that Moscow was bound to refer to it because the sub-committee was under United Nations instructions to give priority consideration.

Mr. Gromyko today parried persistent questioning from Western delegates about why the new Soviet plan completely ignored measures for eliminating atomic weapons. Western sources said.

Mr. Gromyko's reply to the Soviet plan, which is still secret, expressed the belief that agreement on conventional disarmament—non-atomic weapons and reduction of armed forces—would subsequently help to bring about nuclear disarmament.

## Not Satisfied

The sources said Mr. Gromyko did not answer to the satisfaction of the Western delegates when asked for further elucidation for the reasons behind the big and sudden change in Moscow's approach to the disarmament problem.

For nearly 10 years Russia has fought hard for a comprehensive disarmament both in the conventional and nuclear spheres. The only proposal about atomic armaments in the new scheme is one calling for the limitation of test explosions of atomic weapons and hydrogen bombs.

When he presented his plan yesterday, Mr. Gromyko said the new Anglo-French scheme tabled last week was not likely to break the East-West deadlock which has existed since the end of the last world war.

The Anglo-French plan envisaged total disarmament in three phases beginning with "freeze" on existing conventional strengths and ending with the outlawing of atomic weapons. All this would be subject to stringent international inspection and control safeguards.

The new Soviet plan comes some way towards meeting Western demands for effective

Airman Told  
He Can  
Marry Chinese  
Girlfriend

Melbourne, Mar. 28.  
The Minister for Immigration, Mr. Harold Holt, denied today that an Australian-born Chinese airman was recalled from duty in Singapore on his wedding day in order to prevent his marriage to a Chinese girl.

Mr. Holt said no official action was involved in the resignation of RAAF airman Harry Doo, who was planning to marry Mary Lee, 20, the day he was ordered to leave Singapore.

"He can marry whom he likes, whether she is an Asian or an African," Mr. Holt stated. "Our immigration policy is that if an Australian national enters into bona fide marriage with an Asian woman, the couple will not be hindered from living together in Australia."

## GOING BACK

An Air Force spokesman said Doo's term of duty in Singapore ended and he was shipped back to Queensland. The spokesman denied that the resignation was expedited to prevent the marriage.

The spokesman disclosed that Doo has been ordered back to Singapore for a further tour of duty.

This presumably will enable him to be married. —United Press.

Concern For  
Makarios

Geneva, Mar. 29.  
Leaders of a commission representing more than 100 Protestant churches said today they were asking Britain in what circumstances Archbishop Makarios could return from exile in view of his position in the Church and the part he might play in the advancement of negotiations.

The Commission leaders said they were also seeking information on whether Britain would draft a new constitution for Cyprus removing some present "uncertainties" and whether assurances could be given that force would be kept to a minimum in Cyprus.

The Church of England and the Orthodox Church in Cyprus are among members of the Commission—the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, a joint agency of the International Missionary Council and the World Council of Churches.—Reuter.

## 'London Fog Killed 1,000'

London, Mar. 28.  
Almost 1,000 died as a result of the dense "pea-soup" fog which blanketed London from January 3 to 6.

This figure was quoted by the chief British statistician, Dr. W. F. D. Logan in an article published yesterday in the British Medical Journal.—France-Press.

Agreement  
Soon?

Karachi, Mar. 28.  
Pakistan and India are expected to reach agreement on a formula for the demarcation of disputed boundaries between the two countries, to avoid further border clashes, an official source disclosed here today.

During the past month there has been a series of incidents on the Indo-Pakistan borders.

The source said India had agreed in principle to a Pakistan suggestion that the Indian-Pakistan boundaries should be marked out as soon as possible.—Reuter.

Coventry, Mar. 28.  
Coventry boy scouts were warned today not to form a friendship link with Soviet youngsters.

Coventry and the Soviet city of Stalingrad have exchanged civil delegations, sports teams and touring parties ever since both were devastated by Nazi action during World War II.

But a spokesman of Imperial Boy Scouts Headquarters said

NO MORE  
ARMS FOR  
ISRAEL

London, Mar. 28.  
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, today rejected a demand that he commit more arms for Israel on the grounds that Egyptian officers are undergoing training in Poland.

Conservative MP Sir Robert Biddishead added in the House of Commons that the Government was aware that Egypt had already received 40 Soviet jet fighters and more than 30 jet bombers and that Poland was training troops for Egypt. He then asked the Government to restore the balance of military power between Israel and Egypt.

Mr. Lloyd, in a written reply, said the Government was aware that Egypt has received a quantity of Soviet fighters and bombers and that a number of Egyptians were being trained in Poland.

"The Government will continue to supply, in accordance with the tripartite declaration, limited quantities of arms to the Middle East states for self-defence, internal security and the defence of the area as a whole."

"Deliveries are made in the light of these criteria and of the Government's desire to avoid an arms race," he added.

## AGAIN ADJOURNED

New York, Mar. 28.  
The United Nations Security Council met for a second time today to debate the United States proposal that Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, the Secretary-General, be asked to conduct a personal survey of the Middle East situation.

Mr. Cabot Lodge, the United States representative added that the resolution sought two things.

★ Prompt action in the face of a "gravely worsening situation"; and  
★ To indicate certain steps which the Secretary-General might take to carry out the provisions of the armistice agreements.

He called on the Council to act speedily in approving the resolution.

Although they have not made any public announcement, the Arab states who are sitting in the Council to debate their reluctance to agree to the American resolution immediately.

Council adjourned consideration until today and also agreed not to vote on the resolution before next Tuesday.—Reuter.

Three Feared  
Dead In Crash

Renfrew, Mar. 28.  
Three people were feared dead tonight in the crash of a two-motored Dakota passenger plane in the wild, remote hills near Largs on the Firth of Forth.

The plane, manned only by its crew of three, was flying from Liverpool to Renfrew to pick up passengers for a charter flight tomorrow.

A British European Airways plane sighted the burning wreckage of the Dakota, which was owned by Starways Ltd. Its crew consisted of the pilot, co-pilot and stewardess.—United Press.

today the city's 4,000 scouts had been told to turn down an invitation to exchange delegations with the Soviet "Young Pioneers" movement.

"The Scout movement is outlawed in Russia and there is therefore no comparable organization to form a link with," a Scout spokesman said. "The Pioneers are just a branch of the Communist Party."

BRITISH FIRMS  
BLACKLISTED

London, Mar. 28.  
The United States authorities have blacklisted two British firms for re-exporting American products to Communist China, it was reported today.

The British firms, — the London Export Corporation and Messrs Newmark and Company — have been told they cannot trade with any American companies for a provisional period of 30 days for sending barium acid and aureomycin to Communist China and refusing to give U.S. authorities information about the transactions.

The products in question are on the permitted list of British exports to Communist countries, but the U.S. prohibits all trade with Communist countries.

A well-informed British source said the British Government had also decided to grant export licences for the delivery to China of 1,400,000 tractors valued at between £500 and £600 million.

This source said the British Government had decided to grant the licences, whatever attitude the United States or North Atlantic Treaty Organisation adopted.—France-Press.

prohibit all trade with Communist countries.

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, said that as stated after Sir Anthony Eden's talks in Washington this matter was being reviewed.—Reuter.

## NOT DIRECT

Mr. White said Mr. Hoover had made the point that inflexible rules should not be made in a case like this, otherwise the free world might be harmed.

Answering questions by correspondents today, Mr. White said: "I have looked into the figures and there is no evidence of direct trade between the Nationalists and China, but there is trade through Hongkong in non-strategic materials."

The figures on that are approximately \$2,500,000 from Hongkong to Formosa and about \$200,000 a year from Formosa to Hongkong.

Mr. White said the items going to Formosa from China included medicine, dehydrated food, oil and other miscellaneous goods.

Formosa in return sent lesser quantities of citrulline, camphor and medicines.

A spokesman for the Nationalist Embassy here said in a press statement later: "We do sell some of our goods to Hongkong and it may be that it is resold there."

"We do not have control in Hongkong. It is the British who are in control there,"—Reuter.

## MP'S COMPLAINT

London, Mar. 28.  
Mr. Hugh Galsworthy, leader of the Labour Opposition, said today there was "no sensible foundation" for having a stifle control of embargoed strategic goods to China than to Russia.

The distinction was "out of date," he told the House of Commons.

He and other Labour members were complaining about the delay in easing the controls on strategic exports to China.

Mr. Donald Chapman, Labour, urged the Government to take "courageous action" and allow British exporters to send commercial vehicles to China.

Indo-China War  
Sensation'Vietminh  
Got Secrets  
From Paris'  
Court Told

Paris, Mar. 28.  
General Henri Navarre, one-time Commander-in-Chief of the French Union forces in Indo-China, indicated today his Command believed that secret military information was being passed to the Vietminh from Paris.

Testifying before a court investigating leakage of French defence secrets, General Navarre said: "It was very difficult to keep a secret in Indo-China, where we were surrounded by enemies."

"We used different techniques for keeping secrets, but we all had one absolute order: Never to reveal the secret to Paris. We knew that any military operation known in Paris would not surprise the enemy."

General Navarre said an exact condemnation of a report made by him to the French National Defence Committee had been printed in the French left-wing weekly "L'Observateur."

## MINISTER QUESTIONED

Earlier, General Pierre Koening, former Defence Minister, was questioned about the circumstances under which extracts of an article on the Indo-China war, published in the newspaper "L'Express", were distributed by the Agence France Press.

This article, which was printed in the May 28, 1954 issue of the "L'Express", which was later seized.

General Koening said he had no knowledge of either the "Express" article or the AFP dispatch.

Judge Henry Niveau de Villemaury then remarked that there was a difference between the sending of the dispatch and the original publication of the article, said to have contained defence secrets.

"KNOWN IN STREETS"  
General Koening added: "At any rate, most of this information was known in the streets."

A lawyer for Rene Turpin, former Defence Minister, who was one of the defendants in the case, said it had been proved that the Vietminh knew on May 26 the information printed in "L'Express" on May 26.

The defendants in the case are Jean Mons, former Cabinet Director of the National Defence Ministry, Turpin, and Roger Lakmeyer, one of his assistants, and Andre Baranes, a journalist.—France-Press.

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Monday: "LIL"

# Anti-Aircraft Defence In America



An exhibition showing the progress being made by the United Nations in the reconstruction of war-devastated Korea has been opened in Piccadilly by the Hon. Myo Mook Lee, Korean Minister in London. Picture shows the Minister with Sir Arthur Rucker, former European UN representative at Ankara, Turkey, looking at some of the exhibits.—Express Photo.

# Reorganisation Of Troops In Germany

London, Mar. 29.  
British troops in Germany are to be reorganised from Sunday into two "new pattern" infantry divisions and two "trial armoured divisions," the War Office announced today.

This reorganisation is the first step in the Government's plan to streamline the British Army for possible hydrogen and atomic age battles.

The War Office said the changes had been authorised in the four British divisions at present in Germany.

On March Mr. Anthony Head, War Secretary, said in Parliament that after two years of experiments it had been decided to introduce a new infantry division, organised into three brigade groups.

## Basic Organisation

This would enable the division to operate over a wide front of up to 15 miles. It would also, when necessary and vital, be able to concentrate to hold vital ground.

Mr. Head added: "The infantry brigade's basic organisation will be three infantry battalions, one armoured regiment as part of the brigade and artillery."

"It will therefore be self-contained and capable of fighting independently, but equally capable of being controlled by a central organisation as and when the situation demands."

Mr. Head told the House of Commons that the armoured divisions hitherto had been "too big."—Reuter.

# MAJESTIC

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# TEMPORARY VICTORY FOR THE ARMY

Washington, Mar. 28.  
The US Army today appeared to have won at least a temporary victory in its battle with the US Air Force for continued expansion of its multi-billion dollar Nike missile system.

Still unresolved, however, was the basic question of which—the Army or Air Force—ultimately will have the primary mission of anti-aircraft defence of the United States.

In an attempt to get an answer to this question, a Senate Armed Services Subcommittee announced today it will call Defence Department officials to explain why the Army is developing one type of anti-aircraft missile system and the Air Force another.

## Missile 'Czar'

While the sub-committee aired the simmering inter-service controversy, Defence Secretary Charles E. Wilson moved to speed development of offensive ballistic missiles.

Mr. Wilson yesterday announced appointment of Eger V. Murphree, president of Esso Research and Engineering Co., to be missile "czar" with the particular assignment of pushing development of the inter-continental ballistic missile.

Mr. Wilson told a news conference that as his special assistant Mr. Murphree "will be given whatever authority is necessary to get the guided missile job done."

The Army yesterday presented at a secret session its case for the Nike missile system and the Air Force its case for the Talos missile system.

## No Reason

The committee members were obviously impressed by the Army's presentation, with its futuristic picture of anti-aircraft missiles armed with atomic warheads and "anti-missile" missiles.

The sub-committee refrained from making a formal decision until after the Defence Department presentation. But Sen. Francis Case for one, said he could see no reason for abandoning Nike at this point.

The Army, it was learned, took the position that the Nike is a proven weapon already in operation and that a new version will have greater range and be capable of carrying an atomic warhead.

## Both Needed

The Army also disclosed that it is working on the "anti-missile" missile as a possible defence against ballistic missiles, often described previously as "the ultimate weapon."

The Air Force took the position that the Talos supplements rather than duplicates the Nike. Both missiles are needed, the Air Force argued, for "defence in depth" against enemy attack.—United Press.

# A-LIBRARY FOR U.N.

New York, Mar. 28.  
The United States today presented a library of scientific and technical literature on atomic energy to the United Nations.

Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, chief of the United States delegation to the United Nations, presented the library to the Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, in a ceremony at the world organization's headquarters.

Mr. Lodge said the library had been assembled by the United States Atomic Energy Commission and was one of 44 identical collections which the Government was presenting to various governments and international agencies.—Reuter.

# US LABOUR CHIEF FOR INDIA



Walter Reuther

New York, Mar. 28.  
"I am not going to India to save India from communism," Walter Reuther, one of the leaders of the American labour movement, said jokingly this morning. "I am going to India to learn how they work out their economic, social, political problems."

Walter Reuther, invited by the Government of India and the Indian National Trade Union Congress, will leave New York on April 2 and is expected in New Delhi on April 4.

"I think the country of Abraham Lincoln has a great deal of common with the country of Gandhi," Mr. Reuther said.

"I am going to India as a free American citizen and as a representative of the free American labour movement. I am in no way associated with the American Government," he pointed out.—France-Press.

# Egyptians Order Dress Change-over

Cairo, Mar. 28.  
All Egyptians will switch from the traditional Oriental robes to Western-style clothes in the next three years, officials in charge of dress styles said today.

The change will be promoted by a big-scale publicity campaign and will start among Egypt's 1,720,000 school children, many of them too poor to buy the present style garb, the officials said.

They said that Government employees, who fail to wear the new clothes, will be fined and the money will be used to clothe poor students in trousers and shirts, similar to those worn in Western countries.—France-Press.

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# ICELAND'S TROOP DEMANDS UNDESIRABLE

## REBELS HIT FRENCH CONVOY

Bone, Mar. 28.  
French Army plane today flew to the aid of a military supply convoy ambushed by terrorists near Guelma, 30 miles south of Bone.

A French officer in command of the convoy and seven men were killed outright as the terrorists opened fire on the 500 yards long chain of vehicles.

Ground reinforcements which arrived almost immediately accounted for eight of the rebels.

Ten others were killed by strafing fire from the air when the planes arrived shortly afterwards.

Eight soldiers among the convoy escort were wounded shortly after the initial attack.

The security forces' counter-operation continued this afternoon.—France-Press.

## Territorial Rights Agreement

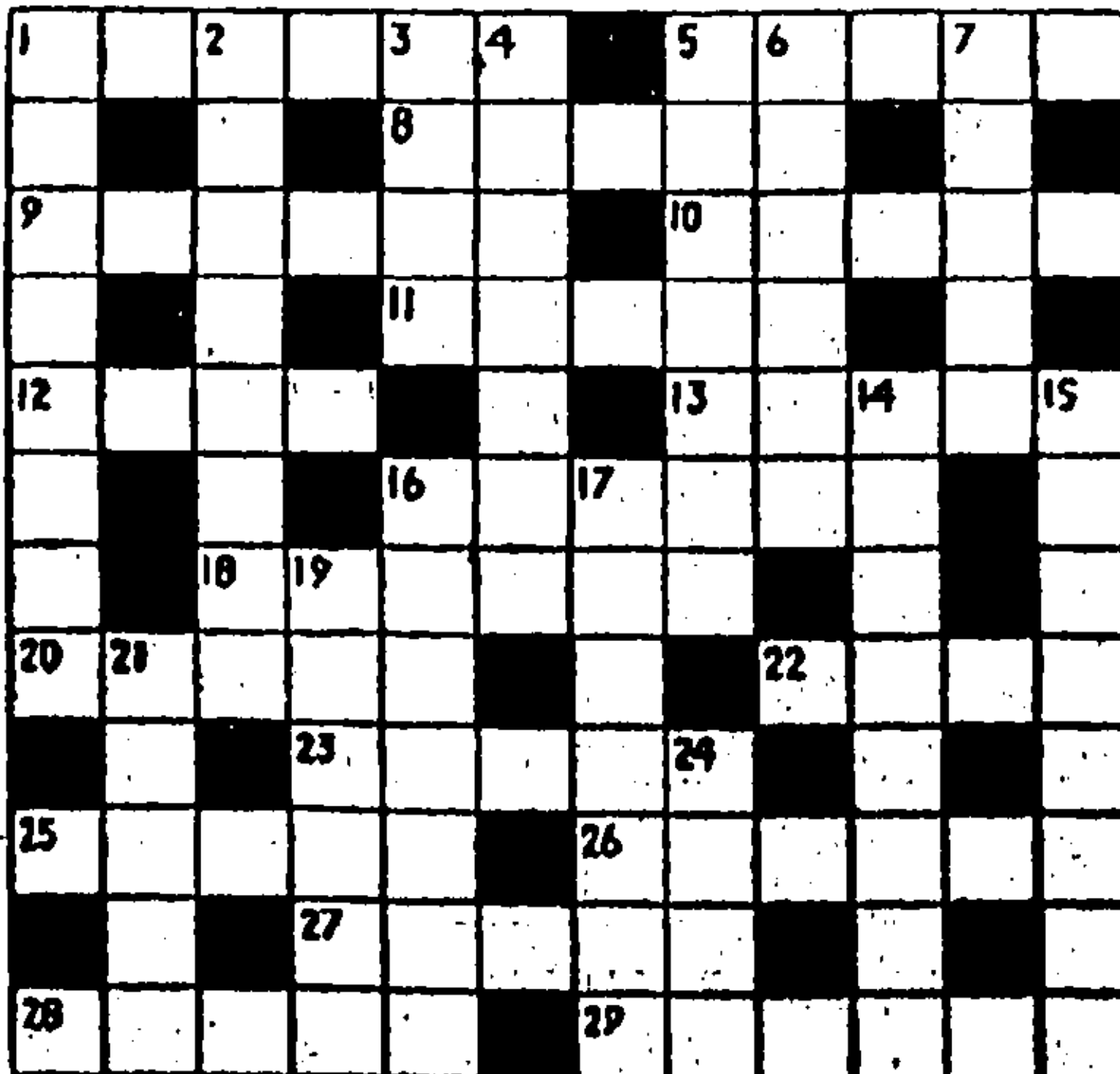
Ciudad Trujillo, Dominica, Mar. 28.  
An inter-American conference on ocean rights here has approved a resolution stating that every country's territorial rights extend to its coastal seabed as far out as the "depth of the water permits its exploitation."

Guatemala, which has long claimed British Honduras, at once asked that the conference's final statement should note that, insofar as such rights applied to British Honduras, they in fact concerned Guatemala.

Told that Mexico also claimed British Honduras, the chief Guatemalan delegation, Dr. Luis Aycinena, called this a "novel attitude."

The resolution was unanimously approved when the conference ended last night but the delegates of Salvador, Colombia, United States, Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Costa Rica and Chile reserved the right to include explanatory notes in the final declaration.—Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Current (6).
  - Grates (6).
  - Wandered (6).
  - Material (6).
  - Droll (6).
  - Undersea worker (5).
  - Implement (4).
  - Distributes (6).
  - Demure (6).
  - Refrains from killing (6).
  - Guides (6).
  - Molten discharge (4).
  - Wash out (6).
  - Commenced (6).
  - Deserved (6).
  - Boothkeepers (6).
  - Lakes (6).
  - Officer (6).
- DOWN
- Indications of illness (8).
  - Answer (8).
  - Parched (4).
  - Profess (7).
  - Withdrawn (7).
  - Workshops (6).
  - Bottle (5).
  - Reached (8).
  - Spent wastefully (8).
  - Sea-soldiers (7).
  - Reid (7).
  - Subject (8).
  - Comfort (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3 Dido, 7 Trump, 8 Abot, 9 Silt, 10 Adulate, 12 Bump, 15 Omaha, 18 Drew, 19 Erase, 21 Shown, 22 Swan, 23 Doped, 24 Duty, 25 Marbled, 26 Avid, 31 Pier, 32 Inter, 33 Nose, Down: 1 Grade, 2 Implore, 4 Allen, 5 Cuts, 6 Means, 9 Show, 11 Amused, 12 Mean, 14 Crew, 16 Sewer, 17 Used, 18 Debt, 20 Redoubt, 22 Sped, 23 Omits, 25 Sales, 27 Dull, 28 Dune.

## Not Wholly Unexpected

Washington, Mar. 28.  
United States officials today described the Icelandic Parliament's resolution calling for withdrawal of United States troops from Iceland as "an undesirable but not wholly unexpected development."

Under the terms of the bilateral agreement pursuant to the North Atlantic Treaty, the United States has stationed troops at a strategic air base at Keflavik since 1951.

The State Department during the early afternoon had received no official report of the Icelandic action, but press reports of the development were being studied with great interest in Washington.

Both American and Western diplomatic circles were agreed that the NATO lifeline across the North Atlantic would be stripped of some of its best protective mechanism if the Keflavik base ceased to operate.

### Press Ahead

Official sources stressed that the Icelandic Parliament move had raised a number of legal problems.

If Iceland's leaders decided to press ahead on the matter, they would have to comply with existing arrangements to give the NATO council six months' notice to consider request for withdrawal of NATO forces.

Then the United States was entitled to another twelve months' notice to carry out any decision arising from conference between NATO officials and Icelandic representatives.

Although State Department officials declined formal comment pending reports from American authorities in Iceland, there seemed to be some feeling that Icelandic leaders might not take the matter up with NATO immediately.

### Smashing Defeat

The adoption of the resolution was a smashing defeat for the Independence (Conservative) Party, which holds 21 parliamentary seats.

Yesterday the Independence party's leading member, Premier Olafur Thors, handed in his resignation to President Asger Eide.

With the exception of the Communists, the parties that pushed through today's vote, remain in favour of the Atlantic Pact, though they wish to remove the American troops from Iceland.—Reuter and France-Press.

## Colour TV Demonstration In London

London, Mar. 29.  
Britain's colour television industry next week will put on its first big show for more than 100 experts from 19 nations including Japan.

The visitors will see a programme of stills and films in colour transmitted from a British Broadcasting Corporation station to a West End hotel.

But the Post Office, announcing that the demonstration would be given from April 3 to April 7, said that though they indicated "substantial progress" in colour television research, a public service in Britain could not be expected soon.

### COLLECT INFORMATION

The demonstrations will follow similar shows given in the United States and France. More will be held in the Netherlands as part of the same series of exchanges arranged for International Radio Consultative Committee.

The Post Office said: "The demonstrations have been planned at this stage of the research into colour systems to give television experts an opportunity to collect information on different systems which are being studied or are in service."

"They may open the way for the possible establishment of international standards for colour television."—China Mail Special.

## ISLANDERS' ATOMIC PETITION

United Nations, Mar. 28.  
The Petitions Committee of the United Nations Trusteeship Council today decided to forward to the Council itself an appeal by a group of Marshall Islands inhabitants concerning the forthcoming American nuclear tests in the Pacific.

The islanders asked that the atomic tests be stopped, but said that if the tests were considered vital for world peace every precaution should be taken to safeguard local inhabitants and their property.

### ASSURANCE NOTED

The Petitions Committee also forwarded to the Trusteeship Council a Belgian draft resolution covering the problem.

This resolution took note of an assurance given by the United States that the necessary precautions would be taken to protect human lives in the experimental zone, which include the islands of Eniwetok and Bikini.

It also recommended that compensation be paid to any Marshall Islanders who were adversely affected by the nuclear tests.—France-Press.

## 'Work To Rule' Order Off

Port Swettenham, Mar. 28.  
The National Union of Railwaymen's 12-day "work to rule" order was called off tonight.

The Union withdrew its closed shop demand after it had learned that two members of a rival union were to be transferred to Port Swettenham.

They were told this at a meeting with the management that lasted over five hours. Later shipping agents were told that the "go slow" movement had ended.—Reuter.

## FRENCH FIGHT OVER ATOMIC WEAPONS Could Split Country Like European Army Proposal

By Harold King

Paris, Mar. 28.  
The French Cabinet today failed to agree about whether France should abandon her right to make atom bombs—an issue which threatens to split the country as did the European army proposal two years ago.

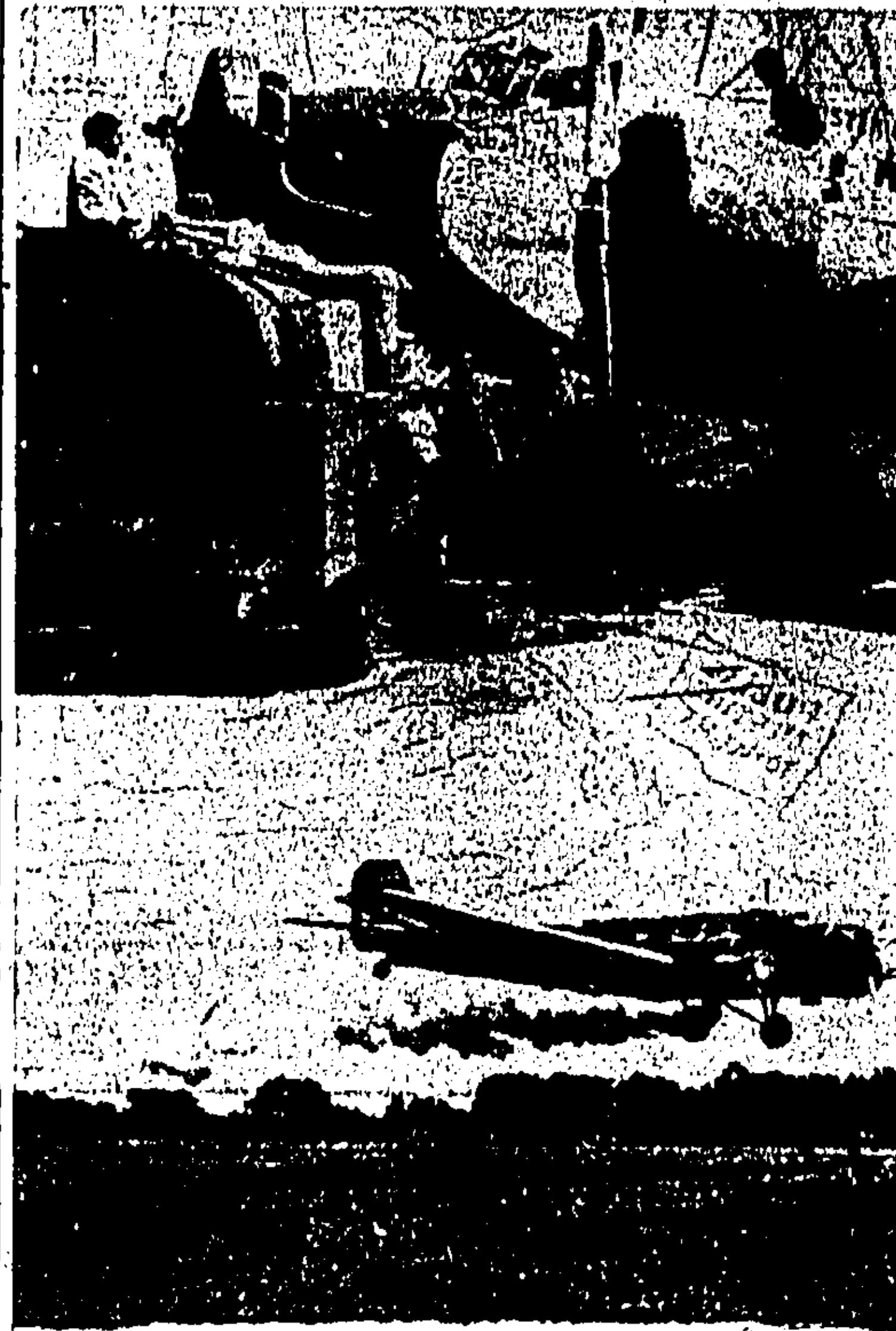
The Cabinet will resume discussion on the important question tomorrow. In his election programme, M. Guy Mollet, the President-elect, pledged to bring France into

a six-nation supranational body to be known as Euratom. It would have atomic resources of six nations—France, West Germany, Holland, Luxembourg, Belgium, and Italy—and undertake to make atom energy for peaceful purposes only. The project has been advanced by M. Jean Monnet, originator of the European Coal and Steel Community and now a private citizen heading a propaganda committee for a united Europe. The law that France would join already pledged to give

ful atomic development was one which appealed to certain sections of public opinion and was used by certain politicians in the elections in January. But the nearer it comes to being put in practice the greater grows the opposition to it here. Inside the Government, the Minister, M. Christian Pineau, the Deputy Minister, M. Maurice Bouvier, and two Ministers of State, M. Pierre Mendès-France

and M. Jacques Chabanolles, are strongly opposed to the Euratom proposal. M. Mendes-France was reported to have told today's Cabinet meeting "without the atomic bomb, France cannot stay a big power." He pointed to the example of Britain. The Premier is officially in favour of Euratom because of his election pledge. But he probably would like to find a way of retaining France's independence in this matter.—Reuter.

## Planes Fight Epidemic



Argentine Public Health authorities are using old Junkers planes to spray disinfectant in different parts of Buenos Aires in their fight against a polio epidemic which has swept the country. Picture, top, shows a plane being refuelled with disinfectant to be sprayed through the city's suburbs. Picture, bottom, shows disinfectant being sprayed by plane.—Express Photo.

## Dust Storm Strikes Expensive Blow

El Paso, Texas, Mar. 28.

A dust storm that had blackened the sky over six Southwestern States took hundreds of tons of the best top soil of New Mexico and Colorado almost to the Gulf of Mexico today.

It was the worst dust storm of the year and an expensive blow to hundreds of wheat farmers. At last report, the dust had reached Alice, Texas, 50 miles from the Gulf and 1,200 to 1,500 miles from where it was picked up.

## US MARINE GUARD ARRESTED

Paris, Mar. 28.

A 21-year-old American Marine, who allegedly attempted to strangle a prostitute in the famed "Pigalle" vice district here was arrested by the police today.

The Marine, Mervyn Lash, a guard at the American Embassy, told the police he lost his head after meeting the 18-year-old prostitute, known as Lashanne, in a bar and taking her to a hotel room.

The police said they were called early this morning by the hotel-keeper shortly after Lash and the prostitute had rented a room in the hotel.

### HALF DEAD

The police said they found Lash, entirely nude, attempting to strangle the girl with his left hand while he poked the fingers of his right hand into her nostrils. The girl was half dead and bleeding profusely, the police said.

They said Lash allowed himself to be arrested without a struggle.—France-Press.

## Change Of Name

Baden, Mar. 28.

Workers last night quickly changed the name plates on the city's main boulevard from "Stalin Ring" to "Emperor Franz Ring."

The change was ordered months ago by Mayor Otto Huhn and belatedly executed following the withdrawal last year of the Soviet military headquarters here. The Russians had made the change to "Stalin Ring" when they arrived during the war.—United Press.

### Doenitz's Health 'Alarming'

Berlin, Mar. 28.

The health of former Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, held at Spandau war crimes prison, continues to be "alarming," according to his defence counsel, Herr Otto Kransbuehler.

A spokesman for Herr Kransbuehler's Berlin bureau said today he had information that Doenitz, Hitler's chosen successor, was suffering from severe circulation disturbances.

Allied spokesmen here had "no comment" on persistent reports about the illness of Doenitz, who is serving a 10-year term which expires in October.—China Mail Special.

### Cooler Weather

Oklahoma's wheat seemed to have escaped severe damage.

Archibald Wells, US soil conservationist in Cimarron County, Oklahoma, said there was "very little wind damage."

Housewives suffered as the dust found its way through chimneys in houses that not even light penetrates and settled on furniture and curtains as a film. Cooler weather came in with the dust storm.—United Press.

## BONN MAY HAVE TO INVOKE NAZI LAW

Bonn, Mar. 28.  
WEST Germany may have to invoke a Nazi requisitioning law to prevent Allied families from being rejected from their homes here, it was disclosed tonight.

New interim legislation put forward urgently by the Government for the protection of these families has been rejected by the Upper House, the Bundesrat.

Under the Paris Treaties which restored German sovereignty, requisitioned houses must be returned by May 5 to their German owners, who can then tell the landlords to turn out the occupants.

### NOT ANXIOUS

But the Treaties say houses required longer are to be made available to the Allied occupants under German law. The Government has no hope of getting permanent legislation on the books before May 5, and in view of the Easter holiday will probably not be able to get a compromise temporary measure through, either.

The only way out seems to be the Nazi law, which German justice officials are not anxious to revive. American forces still have 3,600 requisitioned houses and flats, and the British about 400.—China Mail Special.

## 1,000 Million World's Workers

Geneva, Mar. 28.

The world's labour force amounts to slightly more than 1,000 million persons, according to a study published here by the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

In almost all countries included in the study, men between the ages of 20 and 64 provided the majority of the world's workers. Women's share in the labour force has tended to increase slightly but this trend has not been universal.

In industrial countries the percentage of young persons (below 20) in the labour force has declined.

The study said that no figures were available from the Soviet Union but it is estimated that the labour force there amounts to about 88 millions.—Reuter.

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# FRANCE UNLIKELY TO GIVE UP "THE WIDOW"

By Stephen Coulter

EMILE BUISSON, ex-Public Enemy No. 1 of France, puffed a cigarette in the cold 15 minutes before dawn in Paris one day. He trod carefully on the butt, said to the silent group of men waiting "Messieurs, I am ready"—and walked out into the courtyard of the grim Prison de la Santé to be guillotined.

A quiet shudder of horror always runs through Paris when a guillotining is made known. This time it was a shudder more acute. For since Britain's House of Commons voted to abolish the death penalty, Frenchmen have realised with some surprise that only two countries in Europe now still put murderers to death—France and Spain.

Yet there is small likelihood of France abolishing "The Widow" as they call the guillotine. There has been no public outcry for it, no political campaign. A few papers have half-heartedly talked about it being "an anachronism". One single member of the French Parliament suggested an end of the death penalty four years ago—and Parliament did not even discuss the matter.

Emile Buisson was the 46th murderer to be guillotined in France since 1951. Between 1945 and 1950 (during the great Liberation clean-up) no fewer than 1,405 executions were carried out—the greatest number known in France for more than a century. De Gaulle had the terrible task of going personally through thousands of cases. Not all those executed were guillotined, since Frenchmen condemned for political crimes are sent to the firing squad.

In all, in the last ten years 148 murderers have been executed for common law crimes. There has been some modification of the French attitude since only just before the war guillotining in France were popular spectacles. But why the curious remaining differences between the way the French regard the

death penalty and our own? Why, indeed, have the French looked on some of the British hangings as little short of barbaric?

The fact is that French law has been conceived with the idea of giving an accused man the maximum chance to escape the guillotine. Habes corpus may not exist in practice; pretty well any French police sergeant can beat up a "suspect" (innocent or not) and never hear a whisper of official reproof. Yet a man on a capital charge in France is likely to get away with his life two out of three times.

Crimes of passion, for instance, have never yet led a Frenchman or Frenchwoman to the guillotine. The French have often been appalled at the way such murderers have been condemned in Britain. They regard love as capable of arousing such violent moments of all-obliterating emotion that a man or woman in its grip may kill, yet remain sane and possibly continue thereafter as responsible citizen as he or she was before.

Quite often such murderers in France are freed, found "not guilty" even when they confess in open court to having done the killing they are accused of. Scores every year are sent to prison for relatively short terms.

In many other types of murder cases—even sordid killings for gain and perjury—French public prosecutors and juries accord "extenuating circumstances" to the accused, thus automatically lightening the sentence. It is sometimes difficult to see what extenuation there can possibly be—but the killer gets the benefit.

Even when a French murderer has been formally sentenced, his chances of saving his life remain high. His counsel nearly always lodges an appeal, frequently when there is not the slightest ground for contesting the evidence or conduct of the trial. Most appeals are rejected.

But if the condemned man flatly refuses to appeal, his case is automatically sent for review by a commission of six

high law officers. They study every scrap of evidence. They ask the Minister of Justice's opinion, and what the governor of the prison where the condemned man is lodged thinks about it as well as the view of the judge who presided over the trial.

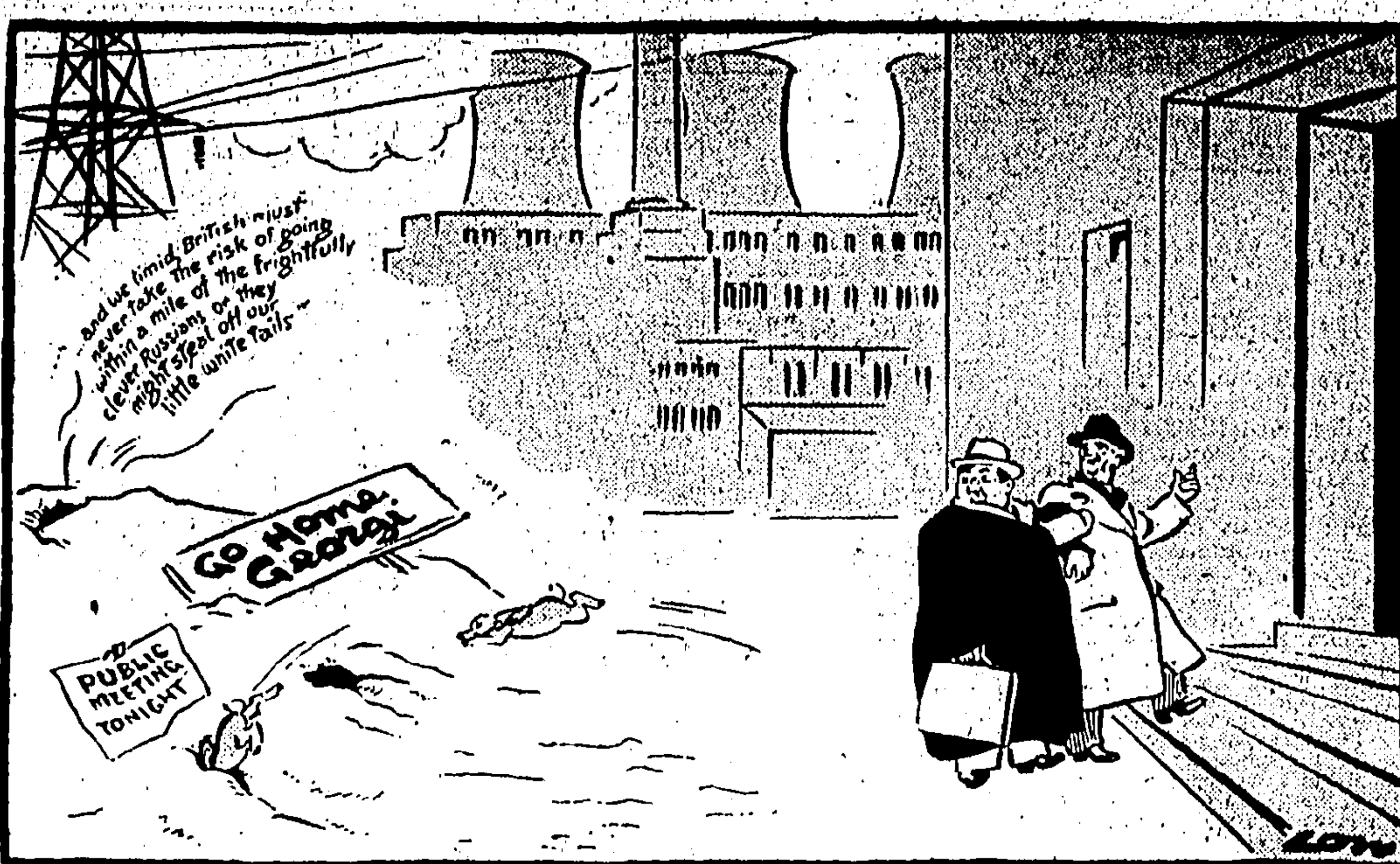
After all this—it may take months or years—they send their report to the High Council of Magistrates. The Council has 14 members—the Minister of Justice, six persons elected by the National Assembly, four magistrates chosen by their fellows and two members of the legal profession chosen by the President of the Republic, who himself presides. The Council debates the case and finally says whether it considers the condemned man should die or not.

Sometimes a small detail which one of the authorities deems the jury did not pay enough attention to is sufficient to bring about a reprieve. If the Council's opinion is divided, there is a vote. It has happened that seven votes have been cast for execution and seven against. If so, it means reprieve.

But even if the Council says he should go to the guillotine, the condemned man is not yet doomed. The President of the Republic is not bound to accept the Council's view. He retains the right to pardon (commute the sentence). In practice, the President does personally review the whole case once more to decide on pardon or not.

The result of this careful system is that 309 of the last 457 common law murderers sentenced to death have escaped "The Widow".

Of course, there are French people who urge the abolition of the death penalty. But in recent years the High Council of Magistrates has been presented with a striking example against repeal of the law. Murderous armed attacks against taxi-drivers suddenly soared alarmingly. The culprits were found to be youths, and the Council was lenient. At once, the attacks soared still higher. The Council became severe: three bandits were executed. The attacks stopped almost overnight.



POWER DEMONSTRATION

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## AMERICA MAY JOIN BAGHDAD PACT

From DONALD LUDLOW

Washington. TWO important trends in America's Middle East policy have emerged as the Eisenhower Government begins the defence of its Foreign Aid Programme. (1) America is thinking about joining the Baghdad Pact, the lynchpin of Western Defence in that area, "though there is no immediate intention of doing so."

(2) America will not be "stampeded" by Russia's offers of arms, machinery and food to the under-developed nations.

Although the five-nation Baghdad Pact (Britain, Turkey, Pakistan, Iraq and Persia) is claimed here as an inspiration of Mr. John Foster Dulles and has always had American support, America has refrained from joining it. "It fears that to sign would embarrass her relations with other Muslim States—particularly Saudi Arabia, where she has vast oil interests—some are hostile to the Pact."

That America should now be even thinking about joining is of great moment.

America's signature on the Pact would put much needed muscle into the "northern tier" of NATO defence.

So far, America has only sent observers to its meetings. No less a person than Mr. Dulles' second-in-command, Herbert Hoover, Junior, indicated that America was having second thoughts about whether to join the Pact.

Could this be a result of the ousting of General Glubb from Jordan, and the anti-Western agitation now going on in the Kingdom of Bahrain?

Hoover, Junior, and John B. Hollister, Director of the International Co-operation Administration, appeared before the House Foreign Affairs Committee to argue for the President's request for \$4,000,000 in foreign aid for the next fiscal year (beginning on July 1, 1956)—an increase of \$2,200 million on paper and about half that sum in actual spending.

The President also wants a special "shock fund" of \$100 million a year for ten years to combat the Soviet economic drive.

Congress is hostile not only to the amount of money required but also to the idea of such long-term commitments.

First came Hollister to soothe and warn. "We have no intention," he said, "of competing with Russia offer by offer, for to do so would be to abandon independence and judgment. Yet we must take into account the new approach with Soviet tyranny has adopted to court the Muslim Asiatic and African worlds."

Then came Hoover with his hint about the Baghdad Pact, some further cautions and a reassurance.

All foreign aid projects, he said, were under constant reappraisal. Nobody could tell whether the U.S. was better off or not. Relations to its allies than it was some years ago because of the shift in Soviet policy since the death of Stalin.

But the State Department had no information to show that Egypt was attempting to play off the West against Russia for aid to build the Aswan Dam.

His impression was that the delay in negotiations were due to her desire to reach agreement with the Sudan on the division of the Nile waters before going ahead.

## THOMAS WISEMAN

flies from Hollywood to see the former queen of the screen in Las Vegas

FLYING over the Nevada desert a bizarre mirage looms up out of the night—a skyscraping cutout of Betty Grable in a swim-suit. When I saw this I realised that I had reached Las Vegas.

But once you have landed you can see even stranger visions. If you penetrate the cordon of slot machines in the lobby of the Riviera Hotel and still have enough money left for supper you can see Orson Welles doing Shakespeare as a cabaret—declining to the accompaniment of clattering cutlery: "Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears."

BETTY GRABLE and MARILYN MONROE: They are good friends



## I'm Not Jealous Of Marilyn, says Betty Grable

To be blunt, the Las Vegas are more inclined to lend Miss Grable their eyes. But they do listen to Mr. Welles.

Here, you see, Shakespeare has a curiosity appeal. Like bearded ladies and sword swallowers, it is something most of the customers hardly ever come across in normal life. The usual experience of the visitors to this town could be summed up with the words, "I came, I saw, I lost." My own experience is that I came for two days, saw three floor shows; and lost 12 dollars.

Life's a gamble Against the background of this gambling town Orson Welles cuts an incongruous figure.

What was he doing there? I asked him this as we sat by the hotel swimming pool under the hot desert sun. The answer to that question was quite simple. He was making 25,000 dollars a week.

Of which not a nickel has found its way back into the slot machines.

"My whole life is one big gamble," said Welles. "I do not need to have any artificial outlets as well."

No genius Apart from the 25,000 dollars a week, Las Vegas is providing him with a "new" experience. Now, he pointed out, he knew what it was like to work at a night club.

Could it be conceit—the desire to prove he can do anything—which had brought him to Las Vegas, this Contessa wife Paolo, (his three-month-old baby and English nurse are also with him)? A placid and bland Welles assured me modestly that he was no genius; that he had reached an age when he no longer had the desire to prove anything.

"I expected Las Vegas to be dreadful," he said. "I expected it to be sinister and rather awful, wheeling the baby through gambling dens every morning. But it's really not at all sinister. In fact it is almost as respectable as Hollywood."

Despite his disclaimers, Mr. Welles is certainly giving a remarkable display of being able to do anything. During the day he writes a new novel which may turn into a play or film script. Then in the evening he does a twice-nightly cabaret, in the course of which he reads minds, forecasts the next 64,000 dollar question, makes a girl float in mid-air, and transforms himself before the customers into Shylock.

I was relieved when he told me, "I cannot sing or dance." It is good to know that there is something which the many-faceted Mr. Welles actually cannot do.

It is said to have to report that Miss Betty Grable, who has fewer talents than Mr. Welles, is drawing more customers to her show at El Rancho, a hotel built to look like a ranch house. Miss Grable has brought her famous legs out of semi-retirement in order to shimmy on to the stage in black fishnet stockings and a rhinestone costume.

Good friends Miss Grable is the blonde who was superseded by Marilyn Monroe—just as she has in her time superseded Allice Faye—but she is not bitter about this.

"Marilyn and I are good friends," she says, and adds: "But Marilyn has never made a big box office picture, and I was tops at the box office for nine years."

"Actually," said Miss Grable, "there is no comparison between Marilyn and me. We are not even the same shade of blonde."

"My approach has always been to be the wholesome American girl in my own mind. I've never tried to be sexy. I probably gave my legs less thought than any one else in the world."

"I don't believe a girl who is sexy can be a lasting success in pictures." Because she alienates the women in her audience.

"People have made jokes about Betty Grable's legs but they were always clean jokes. I always saw to it that I kept my legs clean. You may have thought that the costume I was wearing tonight was pretty sexy, but

that is merely an illusion. In fact it weighed 40lb."

Mr. Welles and Miss Grable will shortly be teaming up for a TV play. The combination of Miss Grable's legs, about which she never thinks, and Mr. Welles' genius, which he denies, should be devastating.

To come back to the 12 dollars I lost. These were sustained largely at the slot machines. I was not able to penetrate the mystic of craps.

All I know is that it involves throwing dice and getting the right combination of numbers. You can lose more money at this than at almost anything

else. What Blackjack, 21 and Bingo are, involve, or entail I have not the remotest idea, except that I am sure they entail losing money.

The slot machines, also known as one-armed bandits, are for the tyros like myself. They are part of the furnishings at every gambling establishment, and at downtown Las Vegas there is an entire gaming house built in the shape of one of these monsters. Most of my 12 dollars are in the intestines of these dime-hungry machines.

If you think that gambling is romantic and elegant you should come here. When you can gamble for 24 hours a day and moreover it is perfectly legal to do so, the whole business becomes unexciting.

One-vice town Gambling affects every aspect of life here. If you wish to make the acquaintance of a chorus girl, you do not buy her a drink. You buy her a pile of chips and, then watch the croupier scoop them away as all the "wrong" numbers come up.

But the chorus girls are not too lavishly supplied with chips. This is a one-vice town and chorus girls cannot compete with blackjack; though I think they offer rather better odds.

## DAVY CROCKETT MYTH COSTS DOLLARS

By CHRISTOPHER HALL

London. Britain is paying dollars for Davy Crockett—a figure from American folklore who need not cost us a penny.

Suddenly, Britain's children have gone Crockett-crazy. Now you can equip an entire child's wardrobe with Crockett clothes—from a raincoat and play suit to a Davy Crockett shirt and pyjamas.

The producers of these goods are paying Walt Disney—he makes the "Davy Crockett" films—up to a shilling on every 2% worth they sell, and right now they are working on orders of £100,000 a time.

"Most of this money," a Disney representative told me in London, "goes back to America."

The belief has grown up that Davy Crockett is a Walt Disney creation—like Donald Duck or Pluto—and that Disney has commercial rights in him.

In fact Crockett was a real person and Disney has no more rights in him than in William the Conqueror.

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In Disney's London office a colossal publicity campaign is being planned and directed to make every child in Britain Crockett-conscious.

This is how the plan works. As the film of Davy Crockett goes round the country the local toy stores are tipped off weeks in advance. They go into combined action with the local cinemas.

Crockett goods appear in the cinema programmes and the cinema is advertised in the shops. Both benefit—and so does Walt Disney.

But some "pirate" manufacturers refuse to ride on the Davy Crockett covered wagon. And this has so licensed producers worried.

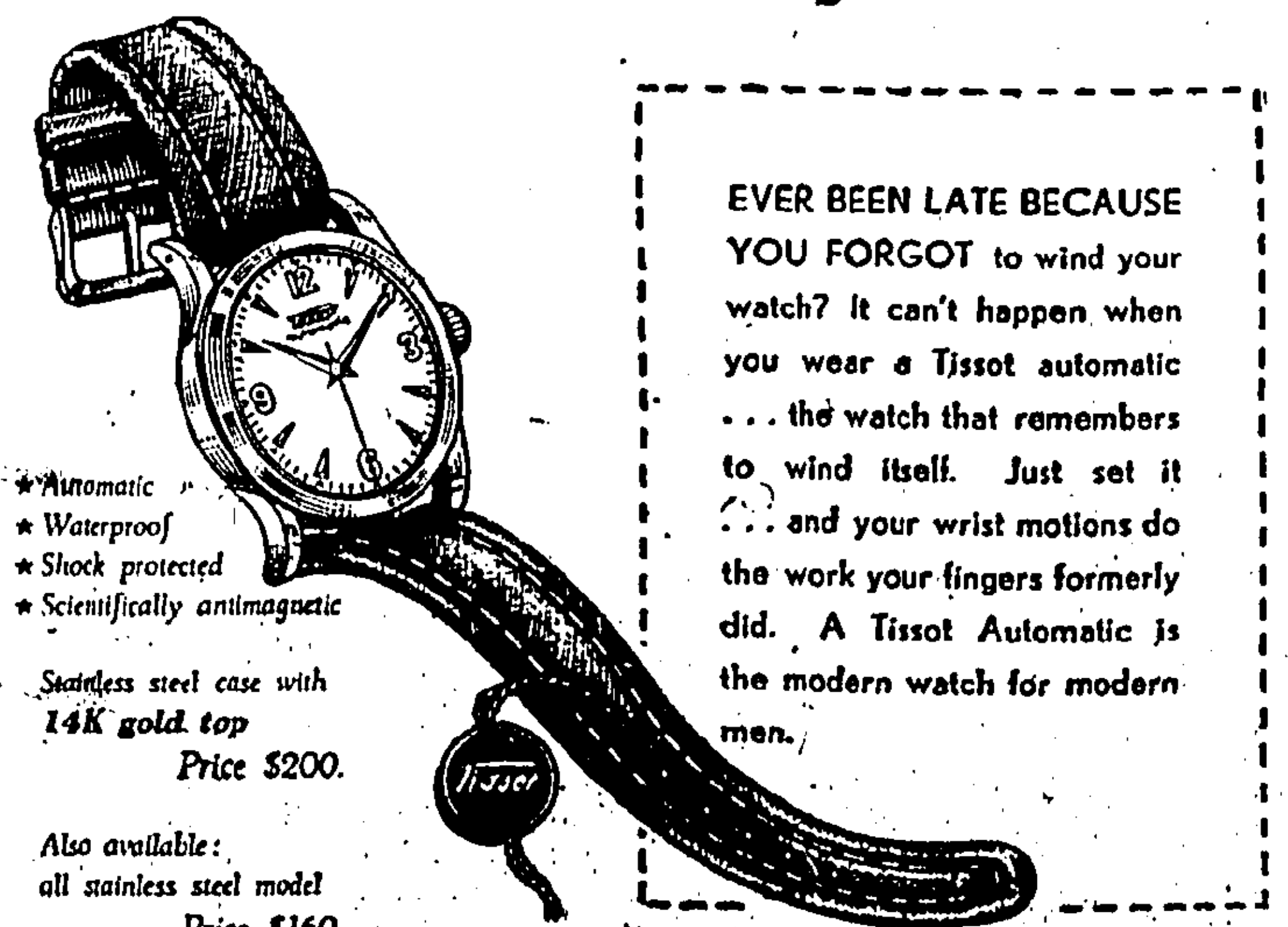
Said one Disney licensee: "Please don't spread it around that you can make Crockett goods without a licence—would have all sorts of people jumping in."

They would too. There is practically nothing that cannot be made into what the producers call a "Crockett line." Soap, hairbrushes, musical instruments, hats, fig-saws, card games—these are just a few of the items now appearing in the shops labelled "Davy Crockett."

All of which adds up to big money. Very big money.

FOOTNOTE: Davy Crockett, born 1780, frontiersman and congressman, died, according to the Almanac in 1836.

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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

### Thirteenth Of Suit Is Setter

By OSWALD JACOBY

SOME husbands and wives don't get along well at the bridge table as partners, but a few spouse combinations are among the best in the game. Among these are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Seewald of South 81, Paul.

A simple play that Mr. and Mrs. Seewald recently executed at a tournament won a fine score. Many experts missed it.

Mrs. Seewald opened the hand of diamonds and continued with the ace when her husband played the encouraging eight at the first trick. Leo completed his echo by playing the three of diamonds at the second trick, so Mrs. Seewald led her last diamond.

Leo took the third trick with the queen of diamonds and looked around for one more trick to defeat

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J95	
QJ6	
WEST	
J1064	
102	
AK7	
7532	
EAST	
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SOUTH (D)	
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South West North East	
1 Pass 1 Pass	
2 Pass 2 NT Pass	
4 Pass 4 Pass	
Opening lead—♦K	

the contract. Many experts led a club at this moment, hoping that West had a high enough club to win a trick. At these tables declarer got to dummy twice for trump finesse, easily winning the rest of the tricks.

Leo Seewald saw no reason to count on his partner for the ace of clubs when he needed only the ten of hearts in Mrs. Seewald's hand to defeat the contract. He merely led his last diamond.

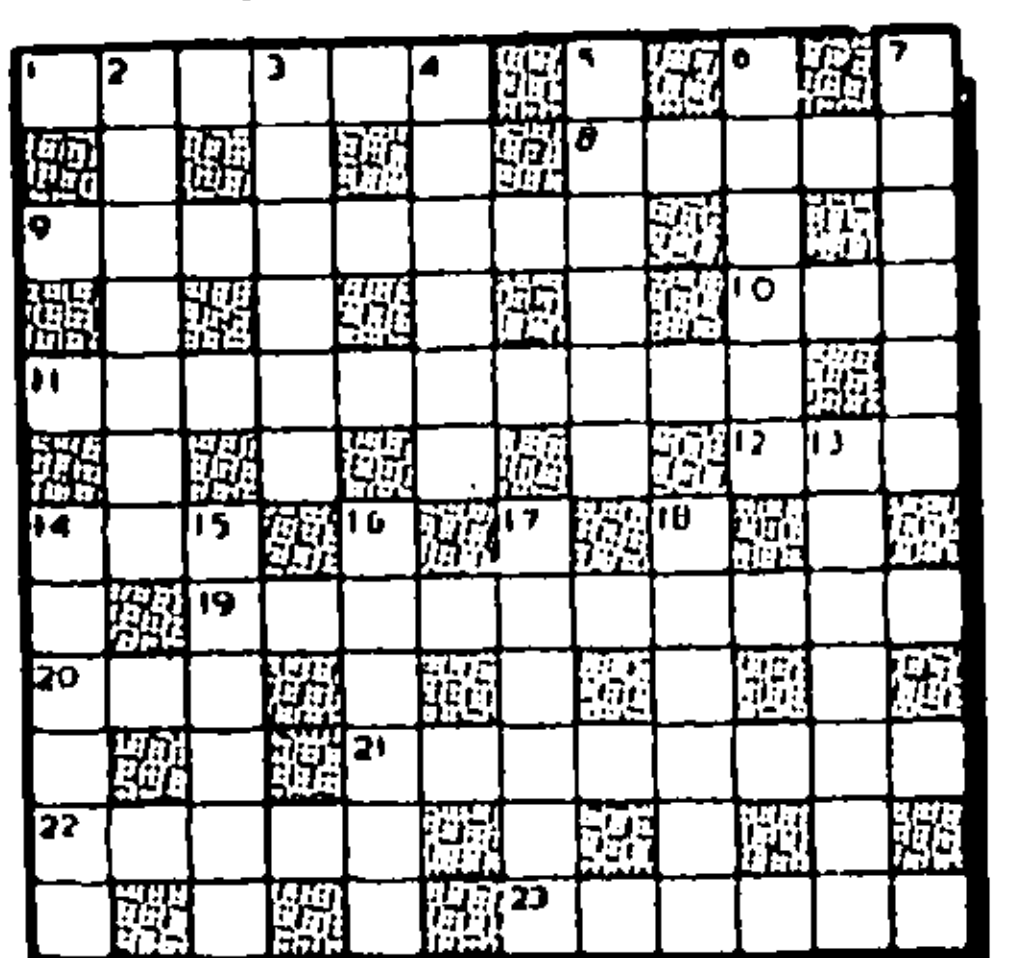
Declarer had to ruff with the jack of hearts to shut out an overruff by West. And now there was no way to stop East from making a trick with the king of hearts.

## ♥CARD Sense♥

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South West North East  
1 Diamond Pass 1 NT Pass  
2  
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You, South, hold:  
AK9842 AKQ1042 44  
What do you do?  
A—Bid three hearts. You want to play this hand at some no matter how bad a hand North may have.

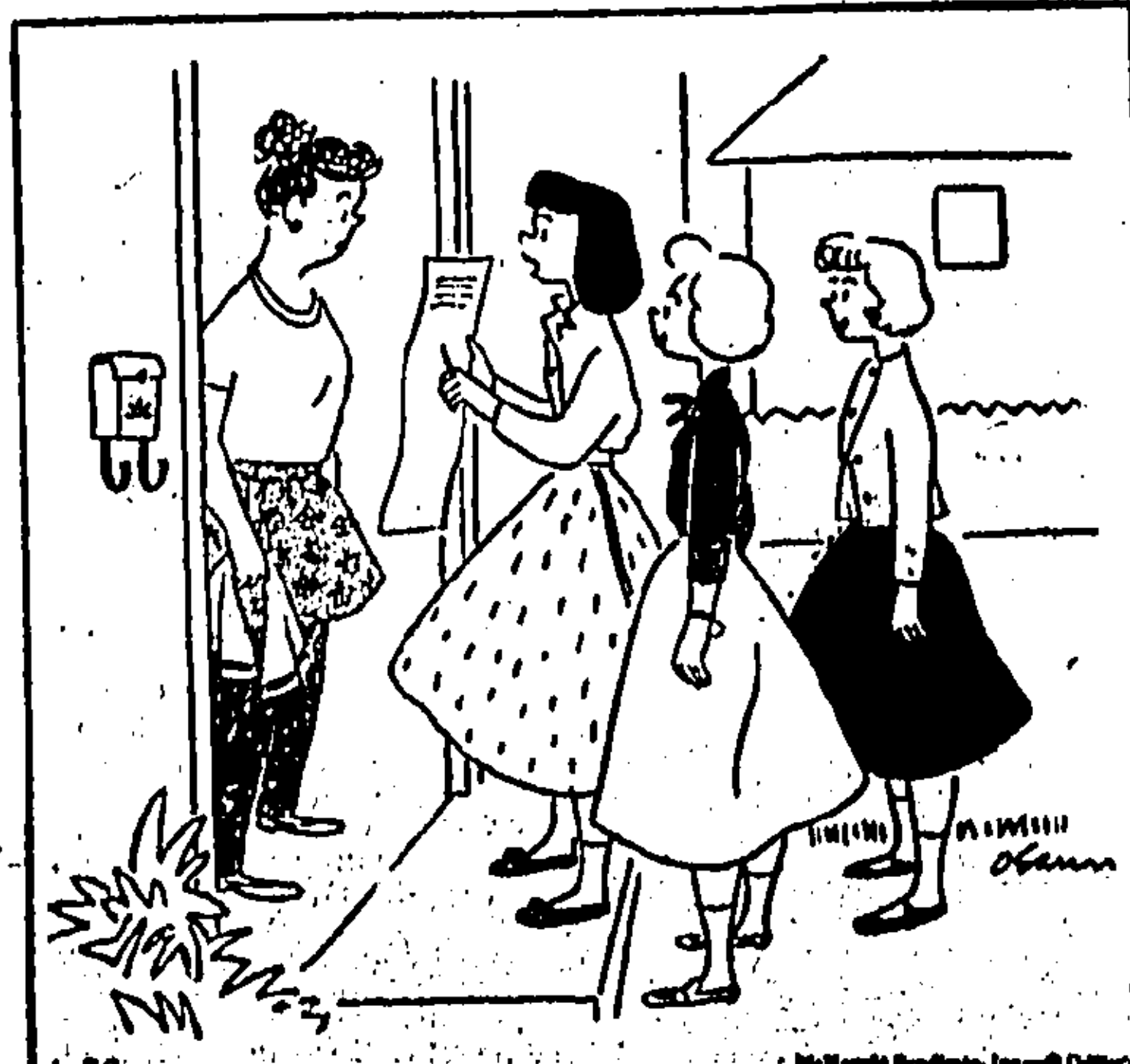
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The bidding has been:  
North East South West  
2 Diamonds Pass ?  
You, South, hold:  
AK43 752 52 475432  
What do you do?  
Answer on Saturday

## CROSSWORD



- Across
1. It is sometimes followed by men at work. (6)
2. The animal in the hand. (6)
3. Plying on the railway. (8)
4. Dry sometimes for decay. (6)
5. I'm in end duo (anag.). (10)
6. This also makes the road. (3)
7. Taken, the house is. I allow. (3)
8. This is pounced by riflemen. (10)
9. The hat of a shanter. (3)
10. Carried out. (8)
11. To stir, we do this, lack of oak. (6)
12. Made a decision. (8)
13. Down
14. Sounds like a writer making just one word. (7)
15. The hat of a shanter. (3)
16. Carried out. (8)
17. To stir, we do this, lack of oak. (6)
18. Made a decision. (8)

## This Funny World



"We're getting up a petition asking Benda to resign"

## YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

BORN today, you have a tremendous amount of physical drive and energy to do what you want. You also have a mind which can tackle large scale projects with the same patience and precision that you can handle detail work. This can mean that you are suited to head big enterprises for you know what goes into the making of them. In other words, you are the type to train the job from the ground up and benefit from the experience.

You have an open and frank personality which makes you popular wherever you go. You know how to work with others and how to inspire your co-workers. To do their work at all times. You are an inspirational leader and, since you have the gift of oratory, you might do well in politics. You would be beloved and highly respected in whatever public office you might attain.

You have tremendous foresight—some say, second sight. You probably can see the future.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Make a wise decision in solving any problem and your future will look bright indeed.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—You may plan some social engagement this evening which will bring pleasure and much-needed relaxation.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Romantic affairs which may be connected with property interests may be in the foreground.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)—If you are trying to find a new home or apartment, then this might be the best day to look for it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)—Children's affairs may come up for consideration today. Could be that there is some shopping ahead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—If you need rather than emotion be your guide and all will turn out better than you expected.

BORN today, originality of thought and action is probably your most outstanding characteristic. You want to go your own way through life and will let nothing stand in the way of your plans. You are well known and you will be entrusted with important matters from an early age on. Do not waste your time by trying to analyze everything. Emotions sometimes evaporate under too close a scrutiny. When comes to romance, let your heart guide you more.

Among those born on this date are: John Fick, historian; Don Clever, VII of Spain; John S. Stanchfield, statesman; John Wentworth, jurist; De Wolf Hopper, actor; Joseph Lindley, educator; and Anna Q. Nixon, actress.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—An active day with all your month's efforts culminating in a successful outcome.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Promising legal matters, new plans and taking a journey are all favored at this time. Take your choice.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—A busy day to end the month's activities. You'll get just about what you want if you plan right.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—You may be adventurous if you wish and the stars are that you will win out in competition.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—This day brings a happy day for children. Take them to the zoo, a movie. Sports activities also are favored.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Your best interests are in the limelight these days. All your activities are now well-directed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Promote some merchandise. It will sell well and you can make a handsome profit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Act prudently with a definite purpose in mind and you will find that the results are good.

## • BY THE WAY •

By Beachcomber

SHIPS are at present, the slow coaches of the atomic age. They waddle along like a horse and cart in the rear of the splendid pageant of modern speed.

I have just read that it will cost only £6,000 to fit a ship with a five-gallon petrol tin. What are we waiting for? Think of the radar-guided atomic ship and arriving in London from Southampton in a matter of hours. Trains also must be dealt with, so that a man who travels from a carriage-window at St. Pancras, when the whistle blows, to kiss his wife, will find himself kissing a sheep 124 miles out in the country.

"Go, lovely nose..."

Sir—always wears a full-blown nose in his buttonhole. (Comic column.)

BEFORE pushing his nose through the especially enlarged buttonhole, he blows it, as one looks at it, as if it were stuck through the little hole in the lapel of the coat. You have to take care to get your nose under the lapel and then push it through to the front. If you push it through the middle of the hole, you end up with the lapel inside out, and the nose in profile, and liable to wedge against your sleeve when you raise your arm. If you can afford a flower, some raffish lot of trouble and embarrassment, and you can keep your nose where it is expected to be.

Pity the outcasts

A PITIFUL headline asking "Why Do We Neglect Our Outcasts?" made my heart ache for these wretched little fellows. Apart from daily detailed accounts of their movements, and almost hourly reports of what they eat and drink, what they say, what they think, how they look, one never hears a word about them.

Nothing to do with me

A MENTION of "streamlined sink units" as a feature of some new bungalows makes the person on the job feel that the sink will drive it like a car, all over the place, thus leaving the two radiator-controlled birds with one thermostatically-controlled stone.

## TARGET

S	F	E
T	A	M
K	I	H

How many of four words or more can you find in the letters in the target? The letters in the target are: S, F, E, T, A, M, K, I, H. No plural or foreign words. Words must be at least four letters long. Words may be found in any direction. Words may be found in any direction. Words may be found in any direction.

# WOMANSENSE

## TRY THE "BOW" LOOK IN A SPRING BLOUSE

By MARIAN RAHL



Utterly feminine is this soft blouse with a wide bow underscoring its V neckline. In sheer, smooth rayon, it is designed to stand on its own with a handsome skirt and belt; it is equally lovely under the suit jacket with deep collar or neckline.

SIZE is no deterrent to the bow at your neckline this spring—it simply should be there. This is what designers seem to say as you consider collections from the couture group on down the scale. Dresses, suits and costumes frequently have this feminine touch in a variety of bows from the narrow string to the sheer wide crisp types.

One of the easiest ways to capture this look in your wardrobe is to choose the bow-trimmed blouse to wear with a suit, a costume with long coat and matching skirt, a separate skirt or jumper. With blouses ranging from the strictly tailored classic types to softer sheers, you can plan them for tweeds and soft sheer wool crepes. This spring you can number among your blouses those in linen, in rayons more versatile than ever, in silks and cottons. Many will have bows, from the narrow crisp pussy-cat type to the softly draped ones you tie yourself.



A natural to wear under suits and with separate skirts is shown here is this pretty blouse with polka-dotted collar ending in bow-like finish. In butter-soft rayon, it is flattering and comfortable to wear.

clude cyclamen pink, comfortable under jackets as the weather grows warmer.

As costume convertibles, the separate blouse brings magic to your spring wardrobe for many reasons. While they are smart, flattering and help expand the wearing possibilities of a single suit, they are

## Colour Harmony Aid To Happy Home

West Hartford, Conn. A girl's chance of living happily with her husband is greater if she also is in harmony with her house.

It's the colour that counts, says interior decorator Robert R. Hawley.

Hawley, who has been a decorator for 51 years, says if a red haired wife nags hubby it may not be the fault of either. It could be because her home has red walls or furnishings.

Hawley has found that women with red hair have an easier-going temperament if their homes are decorated in blends of blue, grey and rose. Red is fine on the head of a woman or on the walls of a house but put 'em together and they clash.

But a red motif is dandy for brunettes. "Brunettes like bright colours," said Hawley. "They love red and green."

He added that blondes generally are happier with light colours, such as tones of rose, ivory, blue and gold.—United Press.

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Let fruits which are being stewed become almost done before adding sugar. Add the sugar in the last 10 minutes of cooking.

To plan a well-balanced meal, avoid one colour combinations. Serve at least one green vegetable. Colourful food has strong appetite appeal and a variety in food colour helps assure a better selection of nutrients.

To halt squeaks in floor boards, work a little moist soap into cracks between the boards.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### The Well-Meaning Cow

—He Tried to Get the Shadows and Teddy a Ride—

By MAX TRELL

IT was a long way to town but there was nothing to do about it but to walk there. So Knarf and Hanid, the shadows with the turned-about names, set right out.

"I wish one of those automobiles would stop for us," said Knarf.

"It's better to walk," said Hanid.

"But you get tired walking," said Knarf.

### Good Exercise

"Walking is good exercise," said Hanid. "Besides, it's fun walking and talking."

"I like riding and talking," said Knarf.

However, since none of the cars did stop to give them a lift, Knarf and Hanid continued walking along the side of the road.

By and by, they met Willy Toad. He was standing at the side of the road, making motions with his thumb at the passing automobiles.

"I want a lift!" he called after them. "Stop and give me a lift!"

But none of them did.

"Hi, Knarf! Hi, Hanid!" he said. "I suppose you want to go to town, too?"

"We do," said Hanid, "but we don't mind walking, do we, Knarf?"

"No," said Knarf.

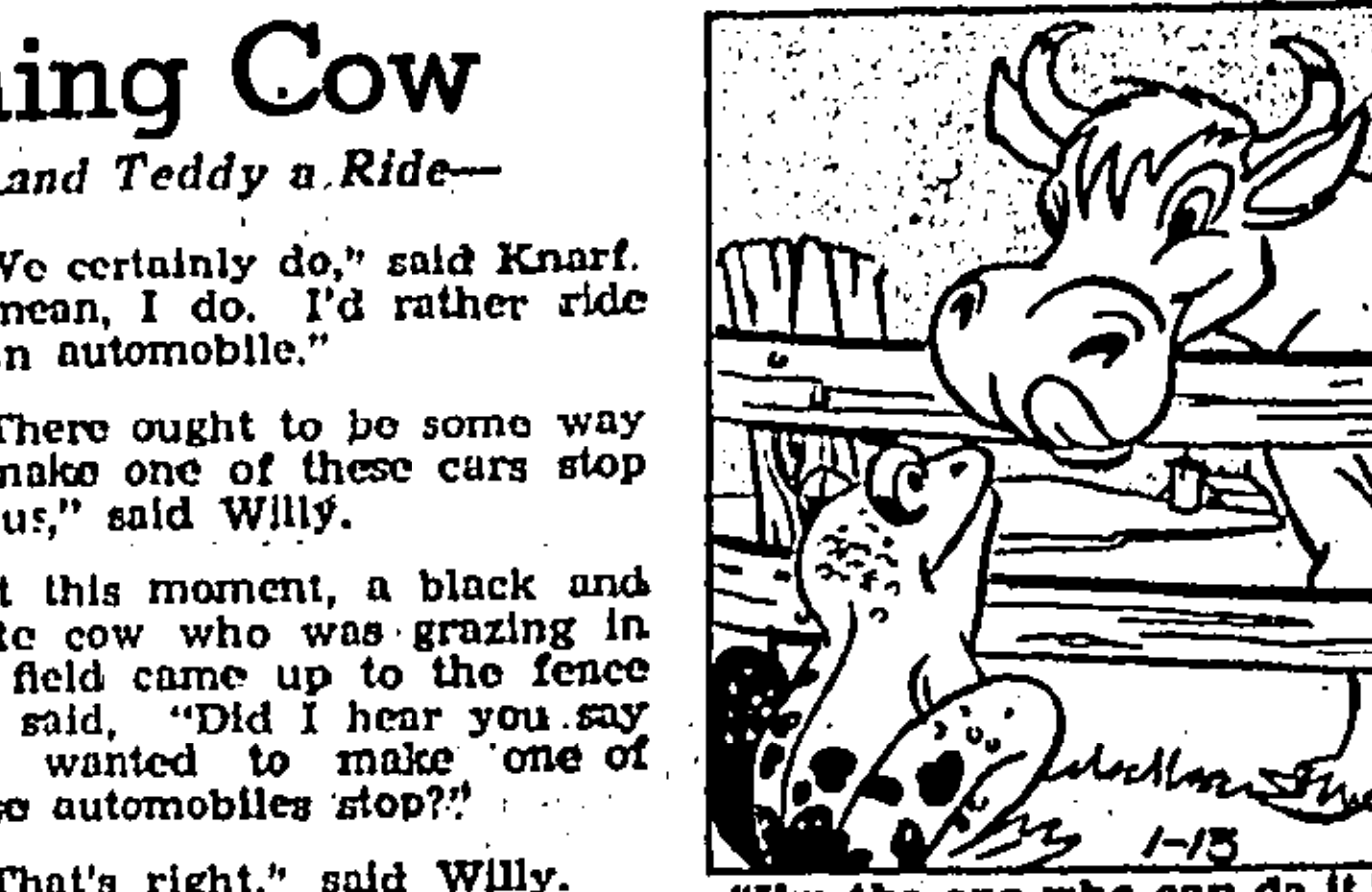
"Well, I guess you want to go to town, too?"

"Yes," said Knarf.

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"I'm the one who can do it," Cow told Willy.

"I'm the one who can do it," said the cow. "Just open the gate to the field and I'll show you."

Hanid objected. "I don't think we should let that cow out on the road."

"You just stay there!" he said. "Don't you dare wander out on the road. Who opened the gate anyway?"

The cow was back in the field. The automobiles were moving up and down the road, going wherever they were going and not stopping.

Singing All The Way

Knarf and Hanid and Willy Toad were walking toward town. Knarf and Willy looked lively and cheerful.

"Walking is wonderful exercise," she said. "And talking while you're walking is wonderful fun."

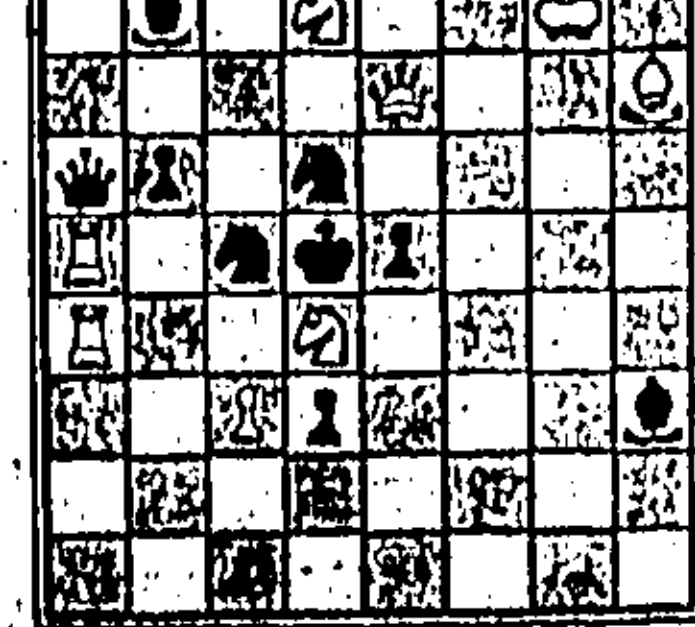
Then finally Knarf and Willy smiled for they knew that as long as they had to walk they might as well make the best of it. And so they walked and talked and sang songs all the way to town.

"I'll move," said the cow, "when you give my friends a lift to town."

## CHESS PROBLEM

By J. J. CORNEJO

Black, 9 pieces.



White to play; mate in two. Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. Q-K3, any; 2. Q, R, B, or K mates.

## Rupert and the Black Circle—6



Rupert and Bill are now full of excitement. "We must find out more about those strangers," says Bill. "Let's keep under cover and stalk them!" "What an awful idea!" quavers Rupert. "Just think what they might do to us if they caught us! I've had enough of this!"



## Easter HOLIDAYS

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## INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS DIOCESAN WIN BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP, KGV THE GIRLS'

By "RECORDER"

The Diocesan Boys' School won the Inter-School Senior Boys' Championship when the finals of the Inter-School Sports were concluded at Caroline Hill Stadium, and King George V School dethroned the strong Pui Kiu School team to win the Girls' Championship.

It was the first DBS victory at the Inter-School Sports since 1934 and the principal credit for this should go to the progressive policy of Messrs. S. T. Chan and James Lowcock who have discovered that athletics can be as good a team game as any other and that one School Championship a year and the Inter-School Sports were not quite enough.

One fact that stands out a mile above the DBS team is that they are not a team of "stars". Many a school has in the past won the Championship on the basis of a few boys who were athletic "naturals" and would have won the events without any coaching or encouragement.

The victories of La Salle College in recent years and of King George V School in earlier years reflected little of the enthusiasm or personality of their sports masters as, quite frankly, boys of the natural ability of Stephen Xavier and Peter Mellan could win despite a complete lack of interest in them.

But this year's DBS team is quite definitely a team of no stars, with the possible exception of Alan Morris. From a group of boys of quite average talent, with hardly a future Colony Champion in their midst, Messrs. Lowcock and Chan have produced a Championship team and one of the fastest sprint relay teams in the Colony.

### MERITORIOUS

The King George V School victory in the girls' section, a very meritorious one against the opposition of several athletically strong Chinese schools, was due largely to grand team spirit and a will to win that is not new to the traditions of the girls' side of post-war KGV.

While there were not the same great fighters around like Maureen Hodgkinson, Ruby Scott or Deborah Harburt, or great natural athletes like Jennifer Hart, Rita Hall or Julia Tingy, the team had plenty of spirit and much natural, if uncultivated talent.

Looking over what there is, it is noteworthy that there is a champion of the future in Elizabeth Shekury who could approach and better 17 feet in the Long Jump if she tried. She lacks basic speed, though near 17-footers Fong Sik and Ng Shuet-kwan of South China are not very much faster.

With an approach run that is almost non-existent, her 15-foot leap after negotiating the potholes of the Caroline Hill Stadium run-up was quite revealing of potential talent.

It is noteworthy that while Fong Sik and Ng Shuet-kwan don't find 15 feet too difficult at Caroline Hill they find 16 feet there almost impossible of achievement. The run-up yesterday was as resplendent of craters as the face of the moon. Even Fong Sik would have shaken her head in frustration at the sight.

### THE RESULTS

The following were the complete results of the events:

**100 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 12.5 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 13.2 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 13.5 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 14.0 sec.

**200 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 26.5 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 27.5 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 28.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 28.5 sec.

**400 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 1:05.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 1:06.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 1:07.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 1:08.0 sec.

**800 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 2:15.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 2:16.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 2:17.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 2:18.0 sec.

**1,600 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 4:35.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 4:36.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 4:37.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 4:38.0 sec.

**3,200 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 9:55.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 9:56.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 9:57.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 9:58.0 sec.

**6,400 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 20:15.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 20:16.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 20:17.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 20:18.0 sec.

**12,800 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 41:35.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 41:36.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 41:37.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 41:38.0 sec.

**25,600 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 83:15.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 83:16.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 83:17.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 83:18.0 sec.

**51,200 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 166:35.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 166:36.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 166:37.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 166:38.0 sec.

**102,400 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 333:15.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 333:16.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 333:17.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 333:18.0 sec.

**204,800 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 666:35.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 666:36.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 666:37.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 666:38.0 sec.

**409,600 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 1333:15.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 1333:16.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 1333:17.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 1333:18.0 sec.

**819,200 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 2666:35.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 2666:36.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 2666:37.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 2666:38.0 sec.

**1,638,400 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 5333:15.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 5333:16.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 5333:17.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 5333:18.0 sec.

**3,276,800 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 10666:35.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 10666:36.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 10666:37.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 10666:38.0 sec.

**6,553,600 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 21333:15.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 21333:16.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 21333:17.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 21333:18.0 sec.

**13,107,200 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 42666:35.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 42666:36.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 42666:37.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 42666:38.0 sec.

**26,214,400 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 85333:15.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 85333:16.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 85333:17.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 85333:18.0 sec.

**52,428,800 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 170666:35.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 170666:36.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 170666:37.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 170666:38.0 sec.

**104,857,600 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 341333:15.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 341333:16.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 341333:17.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 341333:18.0 sec.

**209,715,200 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 682666:35.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 682666:36.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 682666:37.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 682666:38.0 sec.

**419,430,400 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 1365333:15.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 1365333:16.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 1365333:17.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 1365333:18.0 sec.

**838,860,800 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 2730666:35.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 2730666:36.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 2730666:37.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 2730666:38.0 sec.

**1,677,721,600 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 5461333:15.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 5461333:16.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 5461333:17.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 5461333:18.0 sec.

**3,355,443,200 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 10922666:35.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 10922666:36.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 10922666:37.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 10922666:38.0 sec.

**6,710,886,400 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 21845333:15.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 21845333:16.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 21845333:17.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 21845333:18.0 sec.

**13,421,772,800 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 43690666:35.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 43690666:36.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 43690666:37.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 43690666:38.0 sec.

**26,843,545,600 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 87381333:15.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 87381333:16.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 87381333:17.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 87381333:18.0 sec.

**53,687,091,200 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 174762666:35.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 174762666:36.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 174762666:37.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 174762666:38.0 sec.

**107,374,182,400 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 349525333:15.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 349525333:16.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 349525333:17.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 349525333:18.0 sec.

**214,748,364,800 metres:** 1. Fong Sik (KGV), 699050666:35.0 sec.; 2. Ng Shuet-kwan (SC), 699050666:36.0 sec.; 3. Fong Sik (KGV), 699050666:37.0 sec.; 4. Fong Sik (KGV), 699050666:38.0 sec.

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# Motorised Bodyguard For The Sultan

Rabat, Mar. 28.  
Five hundred hand-picked negro  
bodyguards are to be partly motorised to  
provide Moroccan Sultan Sidi Mohamed  
ben Youssef with a crack "private army" in  
newly-independent Morocco.

The bodyguards form Morocco's  
imperial "black guard," a military body  
founded in the 12th century to defend  
Moroccan sultans against the Christian  
Crusaders from Europe.

Ben Youssef has given orders  
that the French-offered guard  
must "at all costs" remain  
separate from the new Moroccan  
national army, whose nucleus is  
shortly to be formed with  
French assistance.

## Possible Attack

The "black guard" with its  
elaborate green-braided, scarlet  
uniform, multi-coloured turbans  
and white gaiters is one  
of the most colourful sovereign's  
guards in the world today.

Its duties in recent years have  
been to escort the Sultan on  
ceremonial occasions, and guard  
his cream-walled palace in the  
heart of Rabat day and night  
against possible attack.

The bodyguards to this day  
wear the uniform designed in  
1880 by a Scottish captain called  
Harry McLean who was hired  
by the Sultan to reorganise the  
guard, and give it a new, at-  
tractive uniform.

Many of the giant guardsmen  
wear belts with the original  
steel buckle, inscribed at  
McLean's orders, with the motto  
"Dieu et Mon Droit," the same  
as on Britain's royal coat of arms.

## 140,000 Force

Only the biggest slaves were  
used, the rest being put to  
menial tasks in the sumptuous  
palace at Fez and Marrakesh.

Early in the 19th century,  
Moulay Ismael, one of Morocco's  
greatest sultans, expanded the  
slave body into a crack,  
140,000-strong force.

When Marshal Louis Lyautey  
pacified Morocco in 1912, the  
guard moved to Rabat, where he  
would be safer than in Fez,  
which was considered to be too  
close to the traditionally  
unfriendly tribes of the Rif and  
Atlas mountains.

## Physical Condition

Each year, a roving commis-  
sion of French officers, and  
senior native non-commissioned  
officers of the black guard goes  
into outlying country and moun-  
tain districts in search of tall,  
black-skinned Moroccan youths,  
aged at least 20.

The bodyguards are recruited  
because of their physical condi-  
tion and the colour of their skin.

To counter charges of press-  
ganging, commission members  
report that there are often as  
many as 20 or 30 candidates in  
each village, of which two or  
three only can be picked.

The guard today consists of  
an infantry "platoon" of 300  
men and a 200-strong cavalry  
squadron, riding mainly cross-  
breeds of Syrian and Moroccan  
Atlas horses, each platoon with  
its own colour of horse.

## Clear Passage

The guards even have their  
own artillery, three 75-  
millimetre horse-drawn French  
guns, which are used to fire  
official salutes, and to surround  
the Remaden, the Moslem's an-  
nual fast period.

Each Friday, a column of  
mounted black guardsmen draw  
their sabres and, swinging the  
weapons over their heads, clear  
a passage among the cheering  
crowds for Ben Youssef to  
travel from the palace to the  
white-washed mosque in the  
palace grounds, for weekly  
prayer.

The Sultan dispenses justice  
personally, as the guard has no  
written code of discipline.

Guardsmen can be sentenced  
to anything from prison to a  
whipping.

Once, many years ago, a  
guardsman was tossed into the  
lion pit of an earlier Sultan's  
private zoo for misbehaving  
with one of the imperial con-  
cubines.

The bodyguards are engaged  
for a provisional period of six  
months, which is extended into  
a first four-year contract if their  
work is satisfactory. They may  
stay a maximum of 15 years,  
although this period may be  
extended with the Sultan's per-  
mission.

For the first seven years, no  
guardsman is allowed to marry.  
It is considered that a woman  
might detract from his loyalty  
to the Sultan. Later the body-  
guard may marry with the  
Sultan's permission.

## Seven Officers

Guardsmen are encouraged to  
marry the daughters of senior  
colleagues, because this will  
produce dark-skinned children  
who can one day be recruited  
into the corps.

The guard is commanded by  
seven French officers, and  
twenty French non-commis-  
sioned officers. Some NCO's  
are also recruited from the  
guardsmen.—China Mail Special.



## Peasant Finds Ancient Temple

Corinth, Mar. 28.

Heavy rains have uncovered  
an ancient temple, believed to  
be of the Hellenistic period,  
just outside the Corinth canal.

A first inspection by archaeo-  
logists indicated that the ruins  
of the temple are about 10ft by  
6½ft.

On the left side of the temple  
there is what is believed to  
have been an altar in a separate  
building.

After the rain had uncovered  
the foundations of the temple,  
two peasants reported the find  
to an archaeologist in Corinth,  
who will shortly conduct a  
detailed investigation on the  
spot.—China Mail Special.

## Five-Power Conference

Five-Power disarmament  
talks between Britain, France,  
the USA, Canada and the  
USSR, opened last week at  
Lancaster House. Pictured is  
a general view during the in-  
augural ceremony showing the  
Soviet delegation, left, the US  
delegation, facing camera, the  
British delegation, right, the  
Canadian delegation, right  
foreground, the French dele-  
gation, left foreground.—Ex-  
press Photo.

## Matsumoto Reporting On Talks

Paris, Mar. 28.

Mr Shunichi Matsumoto,  
chief of the Japanese delegation  
at recent Russo-Japanese peace  
talks in London, left here by air  
for Tokyo today.

Mr Matsumoto who arrived  
here on a private visit last  
Sunday told reporters at the air-  
port he would make an im-  
mediate report on the London  
talks to his Government when  
he arrived in Tokyo.

He smiled broadly but  
declined to answer further  
questions.

Mr Matsumoto was accom-  
panied by Mr Tsubin Takahashi  
of the Japanese Foreign  
Ministry.—Reuter.

## Amateur Pest Exterminators

Wellington, Mar. 28.

Opossum hunting in New  
Zealand has proved a profitable  
pastime for weekend hunters.

The Government pays a bounty  
of 2s 6d per token strip of skin  
to encourage extermination of  
the opossum which is regarded  
in this country as a pest.

One hunter has bought a  
motor-car with the result of his  
bounties, and periodic collec-  
tions of up to £100 are not un-  
common.—China Mail Special.

# Editor Invents Mythical Town

## TEACHING SWEDES TO LAUGH AT THEMSELVES

Stockholm, Mar. 28.

The paper with the steadiest circulation in  
Sweden today is Groenkeppings Veckoblad, the  
news-sheet which teaches Swedes to laugh at  
themselves.

The Veckoblad is the chief news organ of the  
tiny town of Groenkepping (literally "Green  
Borough"), and its immediate surroundings.

Groenkepping is purported to  
be in South Sweden, but it can-  
not be found on any map. Its  
bizarro inhabitants are all ficti-  
tious, although often strongly  
reminiscent of very important  
persons in the capital.

That many Swedes follow  
events in Groenkepping with  
unfading interest is due, says  
the Editor, Mr Seth Bremberg,  
to there being "Groenkeppings  
almost everywhere."

growing too fast, the Veckoblad  
pleaded with its readers "to  
abolish stoutness among our  
people." The Groenkepping  
town doctor proposed that  
ecclesiastics and life should im-  
mediately be abolished to save  
the nation's waist-line.

Although Groenkepping prides  
itself on being founded 300  
years ago, clocks stopped there  
in 1900.

Photographs of the inhabitants  
show them wearing the  
dignified dress of the naughty  
minors. Their language is a  
mixture of Swedish, English  
and Latin. Editorials are written  
in a special Groenkepping style,  
satirically similar to that of  
official Swedish documents.

Like most respectable weekly  
newspapers, the Veckoblad has  
its poetry corner. Sometimes  
it publishes verses in the  
Groenkepping version of  
Esperanto—"Transpranto."

## Satirical Forum

This never-never town was  
invented at the beginning of the  
century by a group of Swedish  
humourists, who used it as a  
satirical forum in their efforts  
to liven up the Swedish press.

The Veckoblad runs inter-  
views, editorials and adverti-  
sements like any other  
newspaper.

Threading their way in and  
out of its reports are such  
characters as the worthy mayor,  
the pompous policeman, the pro-  
fessor, the poet, and the  
satirical poet.

Their names and epithets, the  
latter always written in capital  
letters, are household words in  
Sweden.

As soon as a major event  
occurs in Stockholm, which the  
Veckoblad incidentally refers to  
as "the Royal Capital," the  
paper hastens to report the re-  
actions of the "Green burgers."

Thus when the American  
Kinsey report on sex behaviour  
reached Sweden, the Veckoblad  
turned to the Oldest Inhabitant  
for her views on sex.

Following up a report in the  
national press that Swedes were

## World Politics

The most frequently quoted  
Transpranto line is a transla-  
tion of the opening of the  
Swedish national anthem. The  
translation sounds just as silly  
in Swedish as it looks in  
English: "va pa, va pa, va  
pa."

Although the Veckoblad  
mainly deals in domestic news,  
it makes an occasional excursion  
into world politics.

A report that the Russians  
had found the oldest mummy in  
the world was published as  
follows: "Soviet archaeologists  
have found a mummy at least  
3,000 years older than any his-  
torian can possibly imagine, and  
believe it or not, it has clearly  
tattooed on its breast one word  
—kominform."

## Two Days

The man behind the  
Veckoblad is 57 years old pro-  
fessional humourist Seth Brem-  
berg, who has run it since the  
twenties. Although Veckoblad  
means "weekly," the paper,  
true to type, only appears once  
a month.

Mr Bremberg does practically  
all the writing himself and  
generally finishes the two-leaf  
sheet in two days. Speed, he  
insists, is essential as over-  
intelligence in Groenkeppings  
tends to take up his time and  
impede him in his other  
writing.

The circulation of the  
Veckoblad is secret. Needless to  
say, the Groenkeppings them-  
selves read it to a man.

To be Groenkepping-like is  
nowadays a Swedish expression  
for naivete, impracticality and  
pomposity. Despite all these  
attributes, or perhaps because  
of them, the inhabitants of  
Groenkepping have endeared  
themselves to Swedes all over  
the world.

Some still believe that  
Groenkepping really exists in  
some out-of-the-way corner of  
Sweden.

## 'Real' Applicant

At least Mr Bremberg swears  
that a Minnesota lady once  
wrote to him asking for the  
address of the Oldest Inhabitant,  
whom she claimed  
to have known in her youth.

And when the town  
apothecary advertised for an  
assistant, Bremberg received a  
"real application" addressed to  
Groenkepping, South Sweden.—  
China Mail Special.

## ABORIGINE DIES AT 110.

Sydney, Mar. 28.  
Charles Dennison, an Aus-  
tralian aborigine reported to be 110  
years old, died at Goodwind  
today.

He leaves 72 grandchildren,  
and 99 great-grandchildren. His  
oldest son is 84, his youngest 10,  
both to his fourth wife.  
United Press

## PRISONERS RELEASED

Amman, Mar. 28.  
Jordan Premier Samir Erril  
today ordered the release of 1,000  
prisoners detained for political  
reasons in the Jericho concentration  
camp. Only a small number of  
prisoners remained in the camp  
to work on the Jericho dam.  
—France Press.

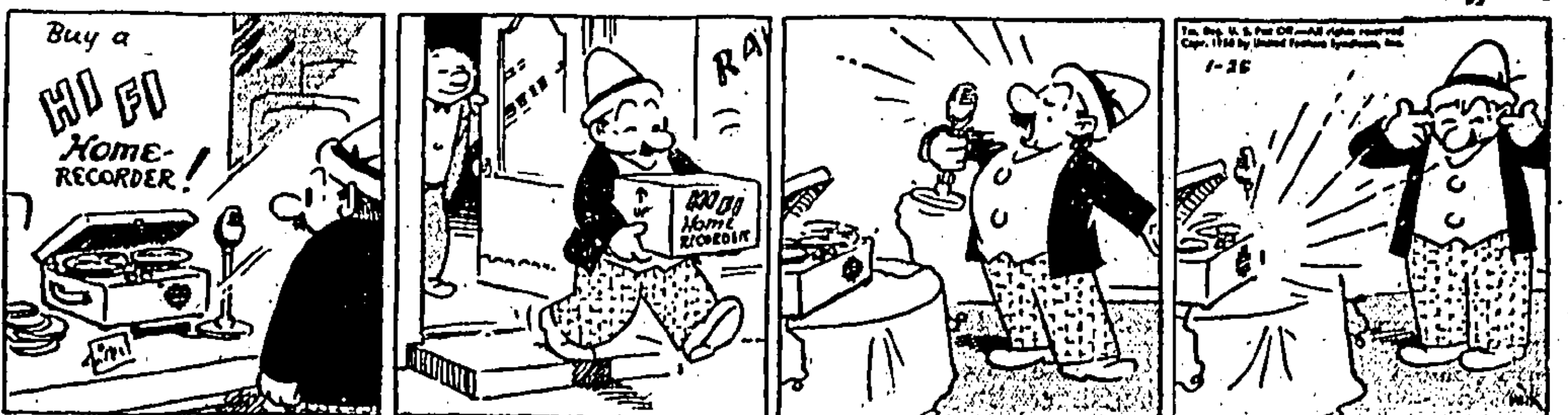
## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



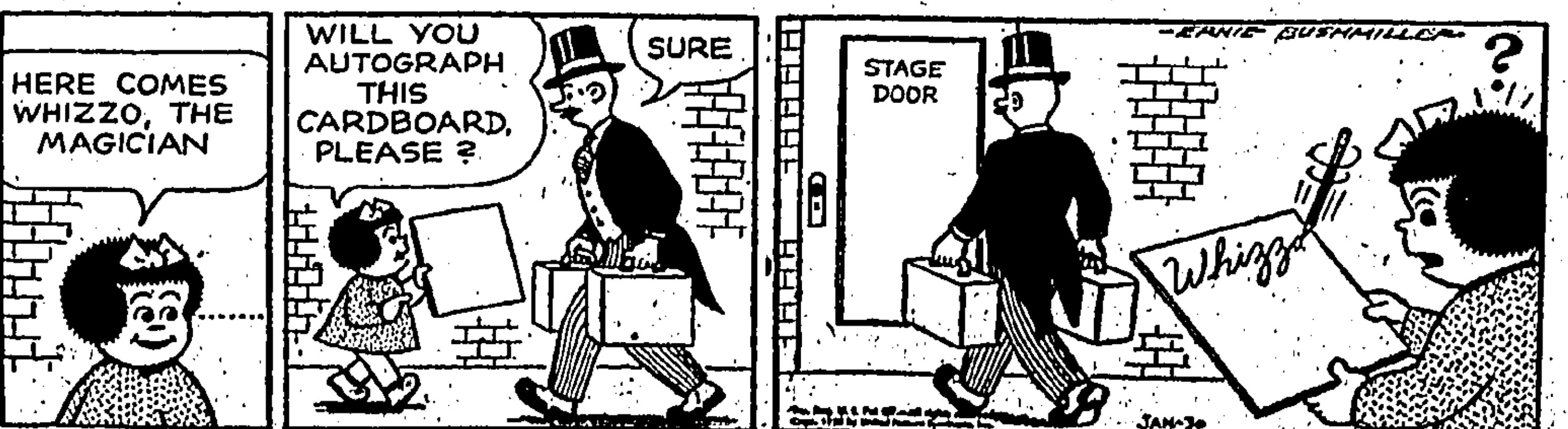
## FERD'NAND

By Milk



## NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller

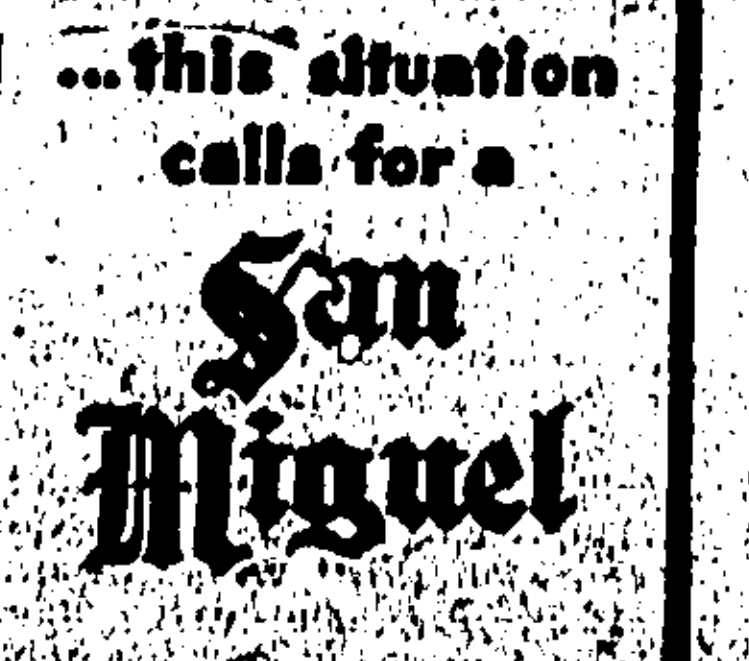
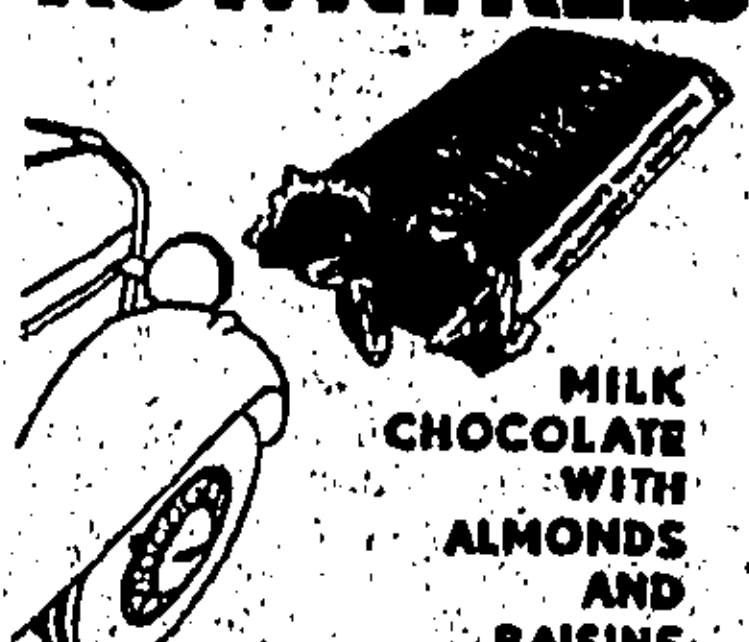


## JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



## ROWNTREES





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